PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-THIRD
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

# Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
LINCOLN, NEBR., OCTOBER 6-10, 1915,
REV. ROY M. BADGER, PASTOR.

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Also the MINUTES of the THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

# Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD
OF NEBRASKA

HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
LINCOLN, NEBR., OCTOBER 6-9, 1915,

## SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1915-1916

### OFFICERS

President, Rev. C. B. HARMAN, North Platte, Nebr.
Secretary, Rev. J. H. RICHARD, Hardy, Nebr.
Treasurer, JOS. H. MILLER, M. D., Surprise, Nebr.
Statistical Secretary, Rev. G. W. LIVERS, Allen, Nebr.
Historian, Rev. R. A. WHITE, Wolbach, Nebr.
Synodical Missionary, Rev. W. T. KAHSE, Stamford, Nebr.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REV. C. B. HARMAN, Pres. — REV. J. H. RICHARD, Sec'y.
PAUL W. KUHNS, 1916. — REV. L. J. POWELL, 1917.
REV. L. GROH, D. D., 1918.

### MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES

REV. C. B. HARMAN, 1916. — M. O. PLOWMAN, 1916.
REV. J. A. LOWE, 1917. — JOS. H. MILLER, M. D., 1917.
REV. G. W. LIVERS, 1918. — JOHN PETRING, 1918.

### DIRECTORS OF NACHUSA ORPHANAGE

REV. C. N. SWIHART, 1916. — REV. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D., 1917.

### DIRECTORS OF TABITHA HOME

REV. R. M. BADGER, 1916. — MR. J. H. HUMPE, 1916.

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REV. L. GROH, D. D., Dogmatics and Hebrew.
REV. R. A. WHITE, Church History.
REV. J. A. LOWE, Ph. D., Greek Exegesis.
REV. O. D. BALTZLY, Ph. D., D. D. Pastoral Theology.
REV. R. B. PEERY, Ph. D., D. D., Homiletics.

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REV. L. J. POWELL, 1918. — REV. M. E. BOLLINGER, 1916.
R. B. WELLER, 1918. — REV. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D., 1917
REV. C. N. SWIHART, 1916. — GEORGE RASSMUSSEN, 1917.

### EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

(Committee Expires 1917)

REV. L. L. LIPE. — REV. G. KLATT.
REV. A. M. REITZEL. — REV. C. R. LOWE.
DR. J. H. MILLER.

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REV. H. A. WOLFE. — REV. R. R. WEISMILLER.
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A. L. KRAUSE. REV. C. F. KOCH.
REV. J. R. ENGER.

### SYNODICAL SECRETARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

REV. CHAS. H. LEWIS.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

REV. C. E. SPARKS.

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REV. E. LEE FLECK. REV. E. W. BOLLMAN.
REV. G. W. LIVERS.

### COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL

REV. F. S. DELO. REV. CLARK POWELL.
REV. P. A. J. BUELOW.

### SPEAKERS FOR 1916.

J. A. LOWE, Ph. D., Chaplain.

**Opening Sermon and Communion**

REV. C. B. HARMAN, President. REV. J. H. RICHARD, Alternate.

**Thursday Evening—"Tithing."**

REV. R. M. BADGER. H. A. WOLFE, Alternate.

**Friday Evening—"Opportunity of Our Lutheran Laymen."**

REV. C. H LEWIS. S. L. KELLER, Alternate.

**Sunday Morning.**

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**Sunday Evening—"Ordination."**

R. R. PEERY, Ph. D., D. D. M. L. MELICK, Alternate.

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### TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Time—October 18-22, 1916.
Place—St. Luke's, 25th and K Sts., Omaha, Nebraska.

## SYNODICAL ROLL

| Clerical | Entered Ministry | Address | Lay Delegates |
|---|---|---|---|
| *W. F. Eyster, D. D. (a. e.) | 1841 | Crete | |
| *J. F. Kuhlman (a. e.) | 1858 | Pawnee City | |
| L. Groh, D. D. | 186[illegible] | Omaha | |
| L. L. Lipe | 1871 | Grand Island | Peter Nelson |
| G. W. Snyder | 1872 | Omaha | |
| *J. H. Stough, Ph. D. (a. e.) | 1872 | Chadron | |
| *I. N. Augustine (a. e.) | 1874 | Grand Island | |
| J. A. Lowe | 1876 | McCool Junction | W. W. Seng (e.) |
| *A. T. Ludwig | 1879 | Jameson, Mo. | |
| *Henry Heiner | 1879 | Lincoln | |
| *W. C. Gettle (a. e.) | 1880 | Table Rock | |
| M. L. Melick (e.) | 1880 | Rising City | |
| R. A. White | 1880 | Wolbach | Alfred Johnson |
| *Luther M. Kuhns (a. e.) | 1885 | Omaha | |
| E. Lee Fleck | 1886 | Lincoln | |
| *S. L. Keller (e.) | 1887 | Sioux City, Iowa | |
| *E. Bollman | 1889 | Lincoln | |
| *R. B. Peery, D. D. (e.) | 1891 | Atchison, Kas. | |
| M. E. Bollinger | 1893 | Nebraska City | |
| H. A. Wolfe | 1894 | Stella | H. L. Hogrefe (a.) |
| Frank S. Delo (a. e.) | 1894 | Paxton | |
| O. D. Baltzly, D. D. | 1895 | Omaha | Wm. Tegtmeyer |
| A. M. Reitzel | 1896 | Beatrice | August Smith |
| G. W. Livers (e.) | 1899 | Allen | J. W. Black (a.) |
| C. B. Harman | 1900 | North Platte | |
| *E. Pfeiffer | 1900 | Ruskin | |
| J. H. Richard | 1900 | Hardy | |
| S. H. Yerian, Ph. D. (e.) | 1900 | Omaha | H. A. Thielke (e.) |
| C. N. Swihart | 1902 | Omaha | J. Fred Smith (e.) |
| C. E. Sparks | 1903 | York | Walter Voss |
| R. M. Badger | 1902 | Lincoln | Gustav Prestegaard. |
| *W. T. Kahse | 1903 | Stamford | |
| C. H. B. Lewis | 1904 | Emerson | |
| L. J. Powell | 1904 | West Point | J. Herman Larson |
| A. H. Trygstad (e.) | 1904 | Homer | |
| Gustav Klatt | 1905 | Ohiowa | |
| J. Matthiesen | 1905 | Falls City | Martin Nolte |
| C. R. Lowe | 1906 | Dakota | |
| J. R. Enger | 1906 | Tekamah | G. A. Crannell (e.) |
| H. Wennermark | 1907 | Oakland | Wm. H. Miller |
| H. H. Hanson | 1909 | Potter | Peter Hanson |
| Paul A. J. Buelow (e.) | 1912 | Jefferson, Wis. | |
| Ralph R. Weissmiller | 1912 | Bruning | |
| Emil Doering (o.) | 1914 | Stamford | Adolph Heldt |
| George Dorn (o.) | 1914 | Wilber | |
| Paul Machetzki (o.) | 1914 | Ponca | |
| C. Franklin Koch (e.) | 1914 | Omaha | |
| Clarke S. Powell | 1914 | Oshkosh | Roy E. Swanson |
| Carl Wilbur Nelson (o.) | 1915 | Benson | B. B. Peterson |
| | | Waverly | David Reitz |
| | | Yutan | Jonas Bender |
| | | Benedict | Evan Miller |
| | | Wayne | N. J. Guhlin |
| | | Davenport | Asa Steyer (a. e.) |

*Without active pastorate.
(o.) Ordained.

(a.) Absent.
(e.) Excused.

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# Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

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The Forty-third Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 6-10, 1915, Rev. Roy M. Badger, Pastor.

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## EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 8:00 P. M.

The Synodical sermon was delivered by the President of the Synod, Rev. L. J. Powell, of West Point, Nebraska. Text: I Cor. ii:2. Theme: "The Preacher's Motto." Rev. G. C. Leonard, our missionary on furlough from Africa, addressed the congregation relative to his work.

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## FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 7, 9:00 A. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Reitzel. President Powell then opened Synod according to the form prescribed by General Synod, and declared the Forty-third convention opened for business. The roll was called and the credentials of the lay delegates were received. On motion, Mr. Jonas Bender was seated as lay delegate from Yutan.

The President of Synod read his Report, which was referred to the proper committee.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Synod of Nebraska,

Fathers and Brethren:

"And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven." This joy is ours as we gather again to return our reports for we come from having seen the strongholds of Satan fallen. In turning back to you the sacred and responsible office with which you have now honored me for these two years, I submit the following record of my official acts:

### Accessions.

January 15, Emil W. Doering from Western Theol. Sem.
January 16, H. H. Hanson from Northern Illinois Synod.
March 2, A. M. Reitzel from Kansas Synod.
March 30, Paul Otto Machetzki from Western Theol. Sem.
May 10, C. Franklin Koch from Hamma Div. School.
May 10, C. S. Powell from Hamma Div. School.
May 1, George Dorn from Western Theol. Sem.
August 10, H. Wennermark from Northern Illinois Synod.
June 1, C. Wilbur Nelson from Chicago Seminary.
September 29, J. R. Enger from Northern Illinois Synod.

### Dismissals.

February 15, M. D. Berg given statement of dismissal, but not letter, to the Presbyterian church.
April 28, C. H. Day to the Southern Illinois Synod.
July 12, John Sorensen to Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
July 16, C. J. Ringer to Iowa Synod of the General Synod.
August 3, J. M. Cromer, D. D., to Rocky Mountain Synod.

### Resignations.

March 14, C. H. Day, Nebraska City.
April 30, C. J. Ringer, Benson.
May 16, Paul A. J. Buelow, Homer-Hubbard.
August 29, C. R. Lowe, Benedict.
September 12, M. E. Bollinger, Davenport.

### Calls Accepted.

January 18, C. Franklin Koch, Associate Pastor Kountze Memorial.
January 25, Emil W. Doering, Stamford.
March 30, Paul Otto Machetzki, Ponca.
May 1, C. J. Ringer, Dakota.
August 1, H. Wennermark, Oakland.
September 14, M. E. Bollinger, Nebraska City.
November 1, H. H. Hanson, Potter.
February 15, A. M. Reitzel, Beatrice.
November 15, C. S. Powell, Oshkosh-Lewellen.
January 12, George Dorn, Wilber.
April 15, C. Wilbur Nelson, Benson.
July 1, A. H. Trygstad, Homer-Hubbard.
September 29, J. R. Enger, Tekamah-Herman.

### Installations.

November 1, M. L. Melick, at Rising-Surprise, E. Lee Fleck giving both charges. Surprise was present at Rising City by prearrangement.

August 29, 1915, H. Wennermark, at Oakland, W. T. Kahse giving both charges.

December 2, H. H. Hanson, at Potter, A. H. Trygstad giving the charge to pastor, C. B. Harman that to the people and conducting the installation service.

May 16, C. Franklin Koch, associate Pastor Kountze Memorial, O. D. Baltzly, D. D. Ph. D. giving the charge to the people, and Holmes Dysinger, D. D., of Western Theological Seminary giving the charge to the pastor.

May 16, A. M. Reitzel, at Beatrice, Nebr., E. Lee Fleck the charge to pastor and J. M. Cromer, D. D. that to the people.

July 11, Paul Otto Machetzki, at Ponca, G. W. Livers giving the charge to the pastor and O. D. Baltzly, D. D. Ph. D. that to the people.

August 22, A. H. Trygstad installed at Hubbard by C. H. Lewis and August 29 at Homer, by G. W. Livers.

September 12, C. S. Powell, at Oshkosh-Lewellen, L. J. Powell giving both charges.

September 5, Emil W. Doering, at Stamford, J. F. Krueger, Ph., D., of Western Theological Seminary giving both charges.

June 13, George Dorn, at Wilber, J. F. Krueger, Ph. D., giving both charges.

### Appointments.

January 11, Lewis A. Meinzer to the Board of Trustees of Midland College for the term expiring 1915.

January 18, S. H. Yerian as director of Nachusa Orphanage to fill out the term of Dr. Ludden.

January 18, J. M. Cromer, D. D. to convey the greetings of Synod to W. H. & F. M. S.

August 18, Prof. J. F. Krueger as Chaplain of Synod in the removal of Dr. Cromer.

September 18, J. A. Lowe, Ph. D. to convey the greetings of Synod to the Women's Missionary Convention.

September 18, O. D. Baltzly for the Communion Sermon in favor of R. M. Badger, Pastor Loci.

September 15, S. L. Keller appointed to conduct the communion service at Wayne on September 19, in the sickness of Pastor Blessing.

### Supplies.

J. A. Lowe, Ph. D. has supplied McCool since March 13, attending to all its services and regular demands, and Beatrice for five months until a regular pastor was secured.

E. Lee Fleck has supplied Waverly at regular times during the year.

Edwin W. M. Johnson did some service at Tekamah during July and at Sidney during August and September.

C. B. Harman has conducted special services for Sutherland and Paxton during their pastor's absence in Alaska.

### New Charges.

At this session of Synod two new charges come up making application for admission to membership, the lusty infants at Hooper and Oakland. Also the older congregation at Falls City which was not formally received at the last session. These strong organizations are largely due to the successful effort of our Synodical missionary.

### Dedications.

The church at Potter has been improved in the interior at a cost of $350, paid by the Ladies' Guild and the Luther League has provided $125 for a new church tower. Services of rededication held October 3, 1915, H. L. Yarger, D. D., being present. A total of $972 was given, enough to cancel a debt of $300 with the Board of Church Extension, and $600 on the parsonage.

August 22 the new-old church at Oakland was dedicated with fitting services. It is the same building owned by our church some twenty years ago. But new plastering within, paint without, vestibule in front and altar place in the rear, lighting fixtures and furnace and pews removed every possible mark of age. In every way this building seems as good as brand new. It seats 240 in pews and is fully equipped for services at a cost of but $1,700. $2,500 was received on dedi-

cation day and in a post-dedication canvass. The best of spirit prevailed and the new congregation under the leadership of Pastor Wennermark looks forward to rapid growth. C. H. Lewis, of Emerson; L. J. Powell, of West Point, besides the Synodical Missionary and the new pastor, were present and assisted in the services. The first had charge of the offerings and the second preached the dedication sermon.

### Improvements in Property.

The following items of improvement have been reported:

Sutherland: Reduction of debt, assumption of $50 more on salary.

Paxton: Painting of church and parsonage, special gift of $70 to pastor.

Bruning: Electric lights, paid back $150 to Board of Church Extension.

St. Marks, Omaha: $500 improvements on building.

Falls City: Parsonage soon completed, modern eight-room bungalow costing $2,700; new piano in church.

York: $300 debt on church wiped out and funds about raised for doing the same with the $500 on parsonage.

Hardy: The Jewell congregation beautified the interior.

Benedict: New barn.

Wolbach: Piano put in by Young Ladies' Guild; debt of $500 paid back Board of Church Extension.

Stamford: Electric lights; extensive improvements.

Benson: Grounds graded by Recreation Club; church improved with new art ceiling and altar.

Lincoln: Beautifying walls and cork carpet at cost of $300.

Waverly: Interior improvements at cost of $75, done by the women.

Wilber: Improvements costing $450.

McCool: Money received for new parsonage.

Dakota: $350 improvements.

Emerson: New parsonage purchased.

Oshkosh: Electric lights costing $75.

### Increased Pastors' Salaries.

The following churches have tried to pay their pastors more nearly what they are worth: Beatrice, Benson, Bruning, Oshkosh-Lewellen, West Point, Wilber. Others may have done likewise, not reported. Many others have increased their giving by reducing amounts asked from the Board of Home Missions.

### Obituary.

During the year an unusually large number of our pastors have been called upon to suffer the loss of loved ones or have been called to their reward. The burden of our beloved Dr. Groh has been unusually heavy, by the death within a few short months of his wife, of his daughter, Sallie, his constant helper, and of his oldest son, E. N., who has spent 22 years in Central America doing missionary work.

In March the venerable I. N. Augustine, of Grand Island was bereaved of his lifelong companion, they having lived over 62 years together.

We miss one today who has been with us in the sessions of this Synod for many, many years, one who allowed nothing to keep him away, one whose presence and leadership and well-informed mind and helpful heart were felt to be necessary to the proper conduct of the Synod. Dr. Ludden is with us no more. His loss, which has been keenly felt before, is perhaps felt more practically now by all.

Just a few days before coming to Synod it was our sad duty to speak words over the earthly remains of one of our fine young men of the Synod, Floyd E. Blessing. The congregation at Wayne, of which he had been pastor for two years, stood broken-hearted about his coffin, for they loved him as a son, and comforted his dear young wife as a sorrowing daughter.

In the issue of August 26, 1915, Lutheran Church Work reported the death of D. Z. Foulk, whose name for long years has been on our synodical roll, though not serving an active pastorate. His home has been at York Springs, Pa. He entered the ministry in 1873.

As we gather today conscious of our keen loss, which we can hardly regain, our hearts beat with pain and sympathy.

### Appreciation.

When pressed by the tide of public opinion and wooed by the gentler graces, your president finally chose to fulfil all his duty to his congregation by properly occupying the parsonage and all his duty to the Synod by meeting the full qualifications of a bishop, the brethren of Synod showed appreciation. Since the wasted years had multiplied it was deemed best that the gift be a wedding clock to better aid in the improvement of the coming years, with its gentle gong to warn always of the fleeting moments. For the kind appreciation given our deepest appreciation is as kindly returned.

### Recommendations.

1. That this Synod lay plans looking to the publication of a Synodical paper.

2. In view of the nearing 400th anniversary of the Reformation and in accord with the action at the recent convention of the General Synod, that we take action in behalf of a quickened and intelligent interest in this movement fraught with so much meaning to our church.

3. That we take proper procedure for including on Obituary Committee in our Standing Committees.

In conclusion, permit me to make public acknowledgement of the faithful and laborious help at all times of our Synodical Missionary, W. T. Kahse. If one were to have judged from the work done, he would have looked in the wrong place for the President of Synod. And, further, let me express my gratitude for the honor bestowed with this high office. It shall always mean much to me and to my friends that you thought me worthy of this office when you elected me, however much you may have changed your minds afterwards. Throughout this biennium you have stood with me in kindliness, co-operation and confidence. Respectfully submitted,

L. J. POWELL.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by J. .H Miller, M. D.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of his office for the year closing September 30, 1915, together with Auditor's statement.

### Receipts.

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| Cash on hand at last report | $ 1,949.59 |
| Received for General Synod | 198.65 |
| Received for Synodical Treasury | 648.77 |
| Received for Synodical Missions | 916.61 |
| Received for Home Missions | 1,411.22 |
| Received for Foreign Missions | 1,115.81 |
| Received for Church Extension | 940.49 |
| Received for Board of Education | 704.96 |
| Received for Ministerial Education | 828.40 |
| Received for Pastors' Fund | 350.70 |
| Received for Deaconess' Fund | 332.70 |
| Received for National Lutheran Home | 172.35 |
| Received for Tabitha Home | 242.90 |
| Received for Seminary Contingent Fund | 132.82 |
| Received for Nachusa Home | 100.65 |
| Received for Midland Scholarship | 60.00 |
| Received for Midland Sustaining Fund | 89.00 |
| Received for Brecklum Fund | 47.15 |
| Received special for beneficiary student | 50.00 |
| Total | $10,292.77 |

**Disbursements.**

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| Paid Treasurer of General Synod | | $ 198.65 |
| Paid Treasurer of Home Missions | | 1,411.22 |
| Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions | | 1,134.96 |
| Paid Treasurer of Church Extension | | 921.34 |
| Paid Treasurer of Board of Education | | 704.96 |
| Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund | | 350.70 |
| Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board | | 332.70 |
| Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home | | 172.35 |
| Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home | | 242.90 |
| Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Home | | 100.65 |
| Paid Treasurer of Seminary Contingent Fund | | 132.82 |
| Paid Treasurer of Midland College-Scholarship | | 60.00 |
| Paid Treasurer of Midland College Sustaining Fund. | | 89.00 |
| Paid Treasurer of Board of Education—Brecklum | | 47.15 |
| Paid from Ministerial Education Fund: | | |
| Emil W. Doering | $ 125.00 | |
| Ernest Mortensen | 125.00 | |
| Paul Machetzki | 125.00 | |
| Oliver Meister | 125.00 | |
| George Dorn | 125.00 | |
| A. F. W. Herrmann | 125.00 | |
| George Dorn—Loan | 75.00 | |
| | | 825.00 |
| Paid from special gifts to beneficiary students: | | |
| Martin Ritzan | 16.50 | |
| D. A. Frerichs | 50.00 | |
| | | 66.50 |
| Paid from Synodical Treasury: | | |
| C. H. Lewis | 25.73 | |
| R. A. White | 1.69 | |
| C. B. Harman | 20.00 | |
| George Dorn | 12.00 | |
| Emil Doering | 12.00 | |
| Paul Machetzki | 12.00 | |
| L. J. Powell | 45.07 | |
| C. N. Swihart | 2.25 | |
| S. H. Yerian | 1.00 | |
| G. W. Livers | 13.77 | |
| L. P. Ludden | 16.40 | |
| L. Groh | 5.00 | |
| S. R. Severn | 3.50 | |
| The Augustine Co. | 3.25 | |
| Wayne Baffee | 5.00 | |
| The Superior Journal | 19.50 | |
| Jos. H. Miller | 15.00 | |
| J. H. Richard | 15.00 | |
| Lutheran Publication Society | 283.84 | |
| Independent Publishing Co. | 5.00 | |
| | | 517.00 |

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| Paid from Synodical Mission Fund: | | |
| George Dorn | 20.00 | |
| H. H. Hansen | 50.00 | |
| William T. Kahse | 1,288.04 | |
| | | 1,358.04 |
| Cash on hand | | 1,626.83 |
| Total | | $10,292.77 |
| Cash on hand as follows: | | |
| Synodical Treasury | $ 329.38 | |
| Synodical Missions | 493.52 | |
| Ministerial Education | 803.93 | |

There was received during the year for all objects, $8,343.18, which is $170.12 less than last year. There was $346.80 given to external objects. Nineteen churches paid an excess of $354.72, while 31 churches have a deficit of $1,901.24.

By comparing the above with the apportionment table, it will be seen that the Synod has exceeded the total levied by $266.38 on the apportioned objects, in addition to $346.80 for external objects, and yet shows a deficit on the same objects of $1,901.24.

Brethren, we can not meet our apportionment in full to General Synod at next meeting with such a showing as this.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH H. MILLER.

## STATE BANK OF SURPRISE

S. R. Severn, President W. H. Greenslit, Vice President
Don Severn, Cashier

Surprise, Nebr., October 4th, 1915.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska,
Gentlemen:

I have carefully examined the books and vouchers of your Treasurer, Mr. Joseph H. Miller, and find the figures, as set forth in his report to be correct.

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| Balance on hand October 1, 1914 | $ 1,949.59 | |
| Total receipts from October 1, 1914 to October 2, 1915 | 8,343.18 | |
| | $10,292.77 | |
| Total disbursements from October 1, 1914 to October 2, 1915 | 8,665.94 | |
| Balance on hand October 2, 1915 | $ 1,626.83 | |
| Bank balance October 2, 1915 | | $4,513.42 |
| Checks outstanding (unpaid) | | 2,886.59 |
| | | $1,626.83 |

Yours truly,
DON SEVERN, Cashier.

See also Appendix "A."

The Treasurer's Report was adopted and a vote of thanks extended to Dr. Miller for his special work. The Secretary of Synod was instructed to convey the thanks of Synod to Mr. Don Severn for gratuitously auditing the Treasurer's Report.

The Report of the Statistical Secretary was adopted. See Appendix "B."

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN.

Your Historian reports as follows:

At the last session of the Synod, the Historian was "authorized to collect and have bound two sets of minutes of Synod, one set to be used by the Historian, and the other to be presented to the Western Theological Seminary." At first this impressed me as being an impossible task on account of inability to procure copies of the earlier minutes. However, I determined to make the effort. After considerable correspondence, and a note of inquiry through the Lutheran Observer, I have succeeded in compiling one set with the minutes of 1881 and 1883 lacking and another with all minutes in the 70s and those of 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1885 lacking. When the two missing copies of the first set can be found it will be ready for the binder. If any of the brethren have any of these copies and will donate them to this use, it will be considered a great favor. It is very important that the history of our Synod be retained in this form.

During the year I was asked, several times, for information on points relative to the early history of the Synod. On account of the lack of these early records, I was unable to give answers except from memory. Hence the importance of the Historian being in possession of data that will enable him to do what is expected of him.

I earnestly recommend that the members of Synod co-operate with the Historian in finding copies of these missing minutes.

My expenses during the year were $1.66 which I ask the Synod to pay. Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
Historian.

The Report was adopted and bill of $1.66 allowed.

The bar of Synod was fixed to include the first six rows of pews.

The election of officers was next in order. The President appointed as tellers, Rev. C. E. Sparks, Rev. S. L. Keller, Mr. Gustav Prestegaard, and Revs. C. F. Koch, Paul Machetzki and H. Wennermark.

The election resulted as follows: President, Rev. C. B. Harman, North Platte; Secretary, Rev. J. H. Richard, Hardy; Statistical Secretary, Rev. G. W. Livers, Allen; Historian, Rev. R. A. White, Wolbach; Treasurer, J. H. Miller, M. D., Surprise.

On motion, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Rev. G. C. Leonard, and Rev. R. Kuehne were made advisory members of Synod. The courtesy of the floor of Synod was extended to Mr. D. M. Neiswanger. The first act of the new President was the appointment of Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., to serve on the Committee of Reference and Counsel. The Historian of Synod was instructed to visit Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, with a view of obtaining a more complete historical record of Synod, the expenses incurred to be paid by Synod. The hours for adjournment were fixed at 11:45 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., morning sessions to begin after the half hour devotional service at 8:30 and afternoon sessions to begin at 2 o'clock. The President announced the appointment of the following special committees:

## LIST OF COMMITTEES.

President's Report—Chas. H. Lewis, E. Lee Fleck, H. Wennermark, Wm. Tegtmeyer, B. B. Peterson, G. A. Crannell.

North Platte Conference—M. E. Bollinger, Geo. Dorn, G. Prestegaard.

South Platte Conference—Paul A. J. Buelow, G. W. Livers, J. R. Enger.

Leave of Absence and Excuses—S. L. Keller, M. L. Melick, H. H. Hanson.

Letters and Papers—C. E. Sparks, L. Groh, D. D., R. A. White, Gustav Klatt.

Resolutions—O. D. Baltzly, D. D., J. A. Lowe, A. M. Reitzel, Peter Hanson.

Apportionment—C. R. Lowe, C. S. Powell, W. W. Seng, Walter Voss.

Protocol—G. W. Snyder, Herman Larson, C. Franklin Koch, P. O. Machetzki.

Vacancies—L. J. Powell, W. T. Kahse, E. Bollman.

Calendar—C. N. Swihart, L. L. Lipe, S. H. Yerian, Evan Miller, Alfred Johnson.

Claims—J. H. Miller, Roy Swanson, H. A. Thielke, J. F. Smith, Martin Nolte.

Sunday Services—R. M. Badger.

Reporters—Church Work, J. Matthiesen; Observer, H. A. Wolfe; State Papers, Ralph Weissmiller.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. R. Lowe.

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## SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, October 7, 2:00 p. m.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Melick.

Roll call.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Traveling Secretary Fund was read by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLING SECRETARY'S FUND.

Your Committee on the Travelling Secretary's Fund would respectfully report the status of that fund to be as follows:

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| Balance due Mr. J. F. Smith, October 1, 1914 | $339.36 |
| December 10, 1914, plumbing | 2.60 |
| August 1, 1915, cleaning property and mowing lawn | 5.00 |
| October 1, 1915, year's interest at 6 per cent on amount due October 1, 1914 | 20.40 |
| Total amount due Mr. J. Fred Smith | 367.36 |
| Accumulated taxes due on October 1, 1915 | 597.51 |
| Total indebtedness October 1, 1915 | 964.87 |

Your Committee has received an offer of $1,535.13 cash for the property from the Byron Reed Co., of Omaha, they agreeing to assume the above claims against the property. This is the best offer we have been able to secure for the property, and would respectfully submit the following for your approval:

WHEREAS, by deed dated June 30, 1890, recorded August 8, 1890, in Book 142 at page 61 in the Deed Records of Douglas County, Nebraska, Augustus Kountze and wife conveyed to The Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, located at York, Pennsylvania, Lot 5 in Block 35 in Kountze Place, an addition in the City of Omaha, in said Douglas County to be held by said grantee in trust for the District Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United State of America, to be occupied and used for a period of at least twenty-five years by the Committee on Synodical Traveling Secretary of said District Synod for headquarters and residence of its Traveling Secretary, and

WHEREAS, more than twenty-five years have elapsed since the execution of said deed and the necessity for such a home has entirely ceased to exist, and

WHEREAS, The Byron Reed Company of Omaha, Nebraska, has offered to purchase said lot for the sum of $1,535.13, subject to taxes and assessments aggregating $597.51, and a claim in favor of J. Fred Smith in the sum of $367.36 for moneys due and owing to him for labor performed and materials furnished for the repair and maintenance of the building on said lot, and said offer is fair and reasonable and the best obtainable for said lot;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the said The Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, located at York, Pennsylvania, as trustee as aforesaid, be and it is hereby requested to accept said offer and to grant, bargain, sell and convey the premises above described to said The Byron Reed Company on the terms aforesaid, as it is authorized to do, and to pay the proceeds thereof to the aforesaid Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, to be invested for church extension purposes within the limits of said City of Omaha and to be controlled by said Board of Church Extension perpetually.

O. D. BALTZLY,
J. F. SMITH,
L. J. POWELL,
J. F. WILHELMY,
A. L. KRAUSE,
R. B. WELLER,
S. H. YERIAN,
JACOB GEHRIG,
H. A. THIELKE.

Adopted with Synod's thanks to Mr. J. Fred Smith.

## Report of the Examining Committee.

Your Committee on Examination of young men for licensure and ordination would respectfully report that we have carefully examined C. Wilbur Nelson, an applicant for ordination and would report that he has passed a very satisfactory examination.

Rev. Emil Doering, George Dorn, Paul Machetzki, licentines of our Synod, have submitted the required papers for ordination which were found to be satisfactory showing application and diligence in the prosecution of their work.

We therefore recommend the above four brethren for ordination on next Sunday evening.

Committee:

L. GROH,
J. A. LOWE,
O. D. BALTZLY,
E. LEE FLECK,
C. B. HARMAN.

Adopted.

### REPORT OF STATE OF CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church would offer the following report:

As far as the Committee is able to judge from the evidences given, we believe the church has made commendable progress in the prosecution of the work of building up the waste places and planting of new places for the future operations of our beloved Zion. Respectfully submitted,

E. LEE FLECK,
H. A. WOLFE,
G. W. SNYDER.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Yarger was heard in explanation of the plans relative to the work of the new Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Rev. G. C. Leonard, missionary from Africa on a furlough was heard in the interests of the Foreign Mission Board.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

This committee in order to prepare a report that should contain vital information sent out to all the congregations of the Synod a questionaire to which we received twenty-four replies. These replies contained some interesting and valuable facts. Fifteen congregations reported having made an Every Member Canvass with results ranging from "fairly good" to "most satisfactory." Eleven congregations reported as using the double envelope system in whole or in part with satisfactory results. In most cases they report difficulty in persuading the rural members to use the double envelope as they prefer to make their payments in lump. The majority report very little difficulty in raising the apportionment. There is a general feeling of the need of more education along the line of giving among the membership.

These replies also revealed the fact that there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with the whole apportionment system and some plainly expressed the desire for a different system.

We have received requests for 12,700 red envelopes and 800 blue envelopes.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That every congregation in the Synod be urged to introduce the Every Member Canvass.
2. That the congregations be urged to endeavor to adjust their financial year to coincide with the synodical year.
3. That each congregation be urged to adopt the double envelope system in case the system which they are using does not produce satisfactory results.
4. That a committee be appointed to prepare a plan to take the place of the present apportionment system. That this committee report at the next meeting of Synod with the view that a memorial be prepared to be presented to the next General Synod that the plan, or a similar plan, be adopted by the General Synod. Respectfully submitted.

C. E. SPARKS,
JAS. H. MILLER,
C. R. LOWE.

The report was adopted seriatim. Item one adopted, item two adopted, item three adopted, item four adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The minutes of the second session were read and approved. Synod adjourned with prayer by Dr. Groh.

## EVENING SERVICE.

The Liturgical service was conducted by Revs. S. L. Keller and H. Wennermark. Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., delivered the address. His theme was "Our Financial Obligation to God."

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## THIRD SESSION.

Friday, October 8, 8:30 a. m.

The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. C. F. Koch.

President Harman in the chair, Synod opened for business with prayer by Rev. C. N. Swihart.

The Roll was called.

The Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel was read and approved. Rev. J. A. Teckhaus, fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, was introduced to Synod, and he and Rev. J. N. Zimmer were made advisory members of Synod.

### REPORT OF SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

To the Nebraska Synod:

Brethren: On the first of September last, marking the close of the second year of our missionary activity, we passed another mile-stone as your Synodical Missionary. In looking over our records we believe that Synod will view with favor the work we have tried to do.

We are able to report two new organizations to be added to our Synodical roll, The St. Pauls Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Oakland, and the Grace Lutheran Church, Hooper; the former with a communicant membership of 46, with a church property of $4,500, with a little more than $1,000 debt, while the latter reports a communicant membership of 60, with little or no church property.

During the past year we held 130 services, preached to 4,956 people, conducted 9 communion services, confirmed 18, baptized 9 infants and two adults, made 1,268 calls, officiated at one installation and one wedding, and received $136.59 for Synodical Benevolence. In the execution of our work we were

required to travel 8,550 miles by rail, at an expense of $135.11, while our total expenses, including railroad fare, postage, telephone, hotel, etc., called for $173.55.

The larger part of our time was devoted to our new mission at Oakland. This offered a rich and fruitful field to our Church. It happened, however, that some 15 years ago our Synod lost its first church property, including church and parsonage. This left its impression on the community and retarded our work. We reached Oakland the early part of January, and left the field August 30, with Rev. H. Wennermark, as pastor in charge, with a comfortable church home, all modern, with a seating capacity of 200.

While our main energy was spent to build up our Oakland mission, we found time to hold services in the city of Herman. We held regular Sunday evening services in this place with good results, and arranged to have this field cared for by our pastor at Tekamah. At the same time a call came from Hooper to organize a congregation in this place. We found 40 people willing to take this step and on Wednesday, April 21, the Grace Lutheran congregation of Hooper was born.

Our services were deemed necessary in the following fields, Ponca, Sidney, Oshkosh and Lewellen, Homer and Hubbert, South Sioux City, Wilber and Nebraska City. We visited these fields and either conducted services or assisted in other ways. In addition to this we held a number of services at Stamford, and preached at Grace Lutheran church, and St. Marks, Omaha, and St. Lukes, South Omaha.

### South Sioux City.

After another month of services in this place the Advisory Board concluded that for the present we vacate this field in order to care for other and more important fields.

### Yutan.

Complying with the wish of Synod, we visited this field and conducted two Sunday services. While we have a few very loyal members, there is no material for an independent congregation and hence we accepted the minutes passed by this congregation and following the action of the Advisory Board we relinquished this field.

In gratitude to the Lord for His blessings and the brethren of Synod for their kind interest and support given me during the past year, I am, Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM THEO. KAHSE.

Lincoln, Nebraska, October 7, 1915.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

In gratitude to Almighty God whose blessings have signally attended our mission work during the past year, we submit the following report of the present conditions of your fields:

1. In the first place, it gives us pleasure to report that during the year the following missions have become self-supporting: Bruning, Rev. R. R. Weismiller, pastor, in addition to cancelling the $200 aid from the Board last year, the $150 owed the Board of Church Extension being repaid.

2. **Oshkosh-Lewellen.** With the coming of Rev. C. S. Powell as pastor, this charge assumed self-support and is contemplating the erection of a parsonage. In addition to the above they have increased the pastor's salary by the amount of $300. This charge is especially to be commended for these evidences of progress.

3. **Omaha, St. Luke's.** Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., pastor. On November 1, 1914, this congregation assumed self-support by cutting off the aid of $400 formerly received.

4. **Benson.** This congregation lost its pastor by the resignation of Rev. C. J. Ringer. On June 1, the Rev. C. Wilbur Nelson assumed charge of this field. The evidences of growth in all departments show substantial progress. We notice a large growth in their Sunday School and find a Young People's society with 72 members. This mission paid its benevolence in full. What has been thought a field of difficulty now promises large things for the future. They will not need the $100 received from the Synodical Mission Fund formerly. They ask for $400 for the coming year from the Board, thereby reducing the entire amount by $200. But since the $100 they are to receive from Synodical Missions this year has not been provided for, their entire amount needed will be $500.

5. **Falls City.** Rev. J. Matthiesen, pastor. This mission reports a year of substantial growth. The congregation now has reached the 100 mark and all the departments of church work are flourishing. The congregation secured two lots adjacent to their church property and is now building an 8-room bungalow for a parsonage, at a total cost of $2,700. On account of these extra expenditures this mission desires the same aid as that granted last year. The South Platte Conference was entertained at this place last spring, closing the Conference with a banquet at which 200 people were present.

6. **Hooper.** This new organization of 60 communicant members has made application for membership in the Synod. The mission was organized by the synodical missionary and is served by neighboring pastors. They report an active Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid. Their

services at present are being held in the city hall. The congregation is endeavoring to secure a permanent property in the form of lots for the erection of a church. The outlook for this field is indeed flattering. A pastor should be secured at once.

7. **Oakland.** Rev. H. Wennermark, pastor. This new mission organized several months ago, has asked for admission to our Synod. It is the result of six months' labor by our Synodical missionary and was organized under his direction. The congregation secured a church home in one of the most desirable locations in the city. The people expended a sum of $2,300 in addition to the current expenses of $650. The debt is $2,200, including the amount owed the Board of a thousand dollars. The congregation is to be congratulated upon the substantial support they have given this work. Oakland is located in one of the best agriculture districts of the state and the field of Swedish and German Lutherans who are friendly to our work, offers a large opportunity for a strong church.

8. **Pawnee City, Zion.** In view of the special effort by this congregation through the leadership of Rev. George Dorn, of Wilber, in providing almost $300 on subscription for a pastor, and of the further prospect of work in this field, we recommend that $200 be asked from the Board for this point, to assist in putting a permanent pastor into this field.

9. **Paxton, Sutherland.** Rev. F. S. Delo, pastor. This mission has evidenced another year of commendable progress. The pastorate reduced the aid from the Board to the amount of $50, which was assumed by the Sutherland church. We are sorry to report that the health of Rev. Delo has not been of the best and he has been obliged to take a three months' rest in the hope of a complete restoration. As a mark of appreciation felt toward the pastor, a large purse was handed him by the Paxton church for vacation expenses.

10. **Potter.** Rev. H. H. Hanson, pastor. We rejoice in the large measure of success realized in this mission. The congregation has undertaken large improvements in beautifying their church. The services of rededication were held October 3, Rev. Dr. H. L. Yarger being present. Interior improvements costing $350 were provided for by the Ladies' Guild and the Luther League provided the money for a new tower. A total of $972 was given on dedication day, cancelling a debt of $300 to the Board of Church Extension and also a debt of $600 on the parsonage. The whole property now stands unencumbered by debt.

11. **Sidney.** This field, which was at one time one of our stronger points, has been encountering discouraging conditions for some years. Reports coming from the field indicate that the time is ripe for an advance move. The point has been supplied for some months and some advancement made. The growth of this field will be in proportion, largely, to the fitness of the pastor for which they are now looking.

12. **Stamford.** Rev. Emil Doering, pastor. After two years of vacancy this mission is fortunate in having for a pastor the right man. The various phases show good progress and that the congregation is active. This field offers unusual missionary opportunities for our church. We recommend that the mission be granted $200.

13. **Wilber.** Rev. Geo. Dorn, pastor. With the coming of Rev. Dorn this mission has taken on new life. Eight new members have been received, the entire benevolence paid, and extensive improvements including interior decorations, painting the outside, memorial window, etc., have much changed the entire church. They have added $200 to the pastor's salary. The departments of work are in a healthy condition and show that this will soon be another self-sustaining church.

14. **Wolbach-Erickson.** Rev. R. A. White, pastor. This charge has enjoyed a year of unusual growth. Twenty-five new members were added. A new piano has been purchased, Sunday School room repapered. A most commendable feature is the payment of the debt of $500 to the Board of Church Extension, thus relieving the church of all financial encumbrance. They also reduced the amount asked from the Board by $50. This is another mission paying its apportionment in full. The church rejoices in this splendid report.

15. **York.** Rev. C. E. Sparks, pastor. This mission has made good progress along all lines, showing a gain of 23 new members where for long years members have been hard to find. An interest-bearing debt of $300 was wiped out during the year. Funds are being collected to cancel the debt of $500 resting on the parsonage. The amount of aid asked is reduced $100 and it is the purpose to continue this amount of reduction each year until the whole has been wiped out.

16. **South Sioux.** Our Synodical Missionary spent three months on this field seeking to reorganize and give encouragement looking to more constant development. We have a neat church property and a Sunday School is still being continued. In view of more pressing fields it was deemed necessary to leave this for the time being.

**Recommendation.**

That the Synod appoint a committee of two, named by the Advisory Board as our Synodical Missionary and Rev. C. H. Lewis, to work out a plan for a map of Nebraska for the purpose of marking the churches that have made progress in communicant membership and in beneficence.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. J. POWELL,
J. H. RICHARD,
S. H. YERIAN,
C. N. SWIHART,
C. H. LEWIS.

The Report was adopted seriatim. Items one, two, and three were adopted, with the amendment that Synod expresses its appreciation of these missions in assuming self-support. Item nine was adopted, and the Secretary instructed to express the greetings of Synod to Rev. Delo, with the hope that his health will soon be completely recovered. Items four, five, six, seven, eight, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, were adopted. The recommendation was adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

Rev. R. B. Peery, D. D., at this time deposited his letter of dismissal from the Rocky Mountain Synod and was received as a member of this body. Rev. J. F. Seibert was seated as an advisory member of Synod.

Amendments to the Constitution, proposed a year ago were adopted as follows: Article V, Sections 9 and 16. (See P. 41 of 1914 Minutes).

Article V, Section 9 was further amended by inserting "Reference and Counsel" and "Necrology" after "Protocol"; also inserting "New Congregations" after "Claims," omitting "Excuses," "Auditing."

Also Article V, Section 11 was amended to read as follows:

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

"This Committee shall be known as the 'Synodical Missionary and Church Extension Committee,' and shall consist of six members, four ministers and two laymen, one third of whom shall be elected each year. The President of Synod shall be ex-officio member of this committee, without vote, except in case of a tie. This committee shall elect from its number a President; a Secretary, providing there is no Synodical Missionary Superintendent; and a Treasurer, but the Treasurer shall not be the same as the Treasurer of Synod.

The term of office for the members of this committee shall be three years. The Calender Committee shall nominate one person for each vacancy on this committee; the Synod may also nominate one person for each vacancy. Home Missionaries shall not be eligible for membership on this committee."

## RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

This committee shall have charge of all the detailed work of Home Missions and Church Extension within the bounds of this Synod.

This committee shall hold monthly or quarterly meetings as it may deem necessary, and shall hear reports, consider all applications for aid, and the needs of all missions, and new fields within the bounds of this Synod.

They shall confer with the General Superintendent of the General Board, and with him make out a budget for the necessary funds on this territory for the year or biennium, and shall submit the same for consideration and action to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. They shall receive monthly all amounts from the Board of Home Missions and pay monthly the salaries of the missionaries in this Synod.

They shall make all appropriations for the salaries of missionaries in this Synod, subject to the approval of the General Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. They shall require quarterly reports from all the missions in this Synod and shall submit quarterly or semi-annually, as required, a tabulated report to the General Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. If desired, they shall elect a District or Synodical Missionary Superintendent. They shall not elect such a Synodical Missionary Superintendent without the consent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, nor shall the committee appoint any missionary outside of their Synod, without the advice or consent of the Board. The Synodical Missionary Superintendent shall act as secretary of the Committee but shall not be a voting member of the Committee. He shall make reports annually in full to the District Synod.

This Committee shall make a thorough investigation of the needs for salaries of missionaries and for funds necessary for building operations within the bounds of this Synod, and shall keep in touch with the General Board and co-operate with it in all matters pertaining to the welfare of this work.

Respectfully Submitted,

OLIVER D. BALTZLY,
C. H. LEWIS,
S. H. YERIAN.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOLING EXPENSES.

We, your Committee, present the following plan for equalling the expenses of those attending the meeting of Synod:

1. That the necessary travelling expenses be pooled, and those whose expenses amount to more than this, and have paid

their Synodical dues in full, be reimbursed from the treasury of Synod; and that the clerical members who shall receive the benefit of pooling expenses, shall be those who have charge of pastorates or institutions.

2. We recommend that no person who leaves before the close of Synod shall be entitled to receive the rebate.

3. We also recommend that this plan be adopted for this meeting of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SPARKS,
CHAS. H. LEWIS.

Report adopted seriatim as amended. Item one adopted, item two, adopted, item three, adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and the Committee was instructed to carry out the provisions of the report for this session of Synod.

The President appointed Rev. L. J. Powell, W. T. Kahse, and Rev. A. M. Reitzel, the Committee on New Congregations. The Minutes of the third session were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. A. White.

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## FOURTH SESSION.

Friday, October 8, 2:00 p. m.

Snyod opened with prayer by Rev. J. F. Seibert.

Roll Call.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was read and adopted. Rev. R. B. Peery, D. D., President of Midland College, officially represented the Board of Education, and also spoke in behalf of Midland College.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

During the closing part of the past Synodical year, a questionaire was sent to all pastors in the Synod, in order that replies thereto might furnish data for future reference and work

on the part of the incoming persons to carry on this work. Owing to the removal from the Synod of the chairman, the work was undertaken by the second member of the Committee, as temporary chairman.

The answers revealed some interesting facts. Not all pastors reported, but 36 responded with information sufficient to furnish a basis for this report.

As to our Sunday Schools, we find that there are 45 schools in the Synod, with an enrollment of 607 officers and teachers, 5,429 scholars, 675 on the Cradle Roll, and 287 on the Home Department, making a total of 6,998, which indicates a growth over last year of 54 per cent. Four new schools have been organized, at Oakland, Hooper, on West Leavenworth St., Omaha, under the direction of Grace Church, and one at 24th and Ames Sts., Omaha, under the direction of Kountze Memorial Church. We are glad to note these new schools, and commend the missionary spirit of the two Omaha churches. We find that very many of our schools are meeting the Standard of Organization set by the General Synod, although some do not yet have Cradle Rolls and have Home Departments. We hope the time will come when this minimum standard will be met by every school, and would urge work to that end this year.

In the lesson material, we find that of the thirty-six reporting, twenty-three are using Graded Lessons up to the Junior Department, while thirteen use the Junior Graded Lessons and seven use the Intermediate Graded Lessons. In this Graded work one reports using the General Council graded series. This indicates a recognition on the part of our workers of the needs of our children in their lesson study. We believe that when the time has come for the introduction of the series of Graded Lessons being prepared by the Joint Committees of three of our general Lutheran bodies, it will find many of our schools ready to take up the work.

In the matter of Sunday School literature, we find that the majority of our schools are using the Sunday School papers issued by our Publication Society. One school reports giving the Observer to the adults in the school, and report giving the Young Lutheran. A few of our schools still use the literature put out by Cook.

A gleaning of the reports indicates that our church officers as a whole are not awake to their duties and responsibilities as to the school being a definite part of the church activities, for very few report anything like a substantial percentage of attendance on the sessions of the school. Example in this matter is more potent than precept when it comes to dealing with our young men.

There is not a universal recognition of the special days, although Easter, Children's Day and Christmas programs are used almost universally. Foreign Mission day seems to be observed

by comparatively few of those reporting. Whether there is a reaction against a multiplying of special days, we are unable to say, but we feel that whether the programs are used in full or not, for the training of our boys and girls in the grace of giving and in their knowledge of the benevolent operations of the church, there should be an adequate presentation of the work of the various Boards with at least an offering for the work. Some complaint as to the difficulty of the music in the programs may be well grounded, for the musical ability of our rural schools is not the same as in the larger schools of the east, and in our cities.

We find very little if any missionary teaching in our schools. There is no possibility for our boys and girls to get the world-wide vision, unless we give them the information and inspiration. A short presentation of missionary information in story form or otherwise will react favorably for the future of our churches.

It is interesting to note that in answer to the question as to distinct problems, only two seem to have none at present. Those who present problems seem to find their chief difficulties in regular attendance, in properly qualified teachers, and in holding the teen age boys and girls to the services of the church. These are all critical problems, and deserve the best thought of our leaders. We believe, from experience and observation, that proper organization of the school, and then working the organization, meeting the needs of the boys and girls, enlisting their co-operation in service of others instead of trying to do things for them, will assist very materially in holding their interest. By specially recognizing the teachers by special services of installation and consecration of those chosen to direct the minds of our youth, we will dignify the work, inspire larger confidence, and hold before the growing boys and girls the opportunity and privilege of Sunday School teaching. Recognizing the social needs of the various classes of the school will also assist in building up the school spirit which will react favorably upon all of the problems presented.

In our Sunday School work, therefore, we recommend the following:

1. That as soon as possible, all of our Sunday Schools try to make their official and fiscal years correspond with the Synodical year.

2. That our school leaders make a special effort to secure Lutheran literature in all parts of its school work. Our church papers might well be introduced in this way in congregations where there are now few or no subscribers to the Church Work or Observer.

3. We recommend the amplified plan of Home Department work as being used in the schools at Emerson and at West Point, to all of our schools having rural conditions, as one method of solving some problems.

4. That the person chosen to direct this work this coming year be known as the Synodical Sunday School Superintendent or Educational Secretary.

5. That Teacher Training be pushed this year in our schools and that arrangements be made whereby the Sunday School representative examine all of the teacher training papers.

As to the Young People's Societies, there were twenty-five Young Peoples' Societies who responded.

Three churches reported no Young Peoples' Societies; thirteen report Luther Leagues, and nine report Christian Endeavor societies.

We find that about 80 per cent of the young people are active workers in the Sunday School, and also about 80 per cent attend church services regularly.

Very few societies have any missionary affiliation, so far as a definite organization is concerned, but nearly all contribute to missionary work in some way, usually through the Women's Missionary Society of the church.

Seven societies report no growth and one society reported 300 per cent growth. Too many societies report just holding their own.

Only three Junior Societies were reported. This part of the work seems to have been more neglected than any other.

About half of the societies reported representation at conventions.

We recommend the following:

1. That pastors in congregations having no young people's societies, make a special effort this year to organize one.

2. That the Societies be urged to send representatives to district and state conventions, as far as possible.

3. That some steps be taken whereby the societies may affiliate in some definite way with the missionary organizations of the church through Helpers Circle, or the like, so that the missionary information and operation of the society may be carried on without adding another organization for the purpose. Respectfully submitted,

C. H. LEWIS.
C. E. SPARKS.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

Your Synodical Trustees wish to say that another good year has passed over Tabitha Home. While an indebtedness of about $17,000 still remains to be cared for by the church, yet Tabitha rests easy, knowing that in time friends will wipe out all this amount, and then she can throw her arms out wider to the aged, the orphan and the infirm. At present there are thirty-one children and thirty-one aged and infirm ones in the home. Never have the churches been so liberal at the glad time of giving as last Christmas, when boxes and barrels of needed things and playthings to gladden the child-like and childish hearts, poured in from all directions. May we all, churches and individuals, think of His little ones at Tabitha during the Blessed season.

Get the habit, and keep it going, of packing boxes and barrels with pleasures as well as prunes, with dainties as well as dry goods, with money as well as memories; thus bringing cheer to old and young.

Thankful for your own comfortable homes and well limbs, perhaps some of you might write a goodly check that will make that needed elevator a reality, rather than a dream that abides in Superintendent Walter and Sister Christina's hearts by day and night. Go out while you are here and see how many other things are needed. Fill the vacant places with some of what God has given you. Oh how happy you will be then. Superintendent Walter will speak to you after this report.

He will tell you of the many happenings of the year. Listen to him as he pleads for a Superintendent's home. Invite him into your churches and homes. Remember the tithe and give some of it to Tabitha.

Harmony and health have prevailed in general. The Executive Committee has deemed it wise to close the Hospital temporarily.

Tabitha is becoming more and more the pride of the General Synod as a means of doing good.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. HUMPE,
R. M. BADGER,
Trustees.

Adopted. Rev. Walter gave additional verbal report.

Rev. J. A. Teckhaus, fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod brought the greetings of that body.

## REPORT OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE GERMAN NEBRASKA SYNOD

We would report that we attended the session of the German Nebraska Synod at Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 1, conveying the cordial greeting of this Synod, reporting that their request

for a committee which should confer with a like committee from their body for the settling of any disputes had been complied with in the appointment of our Advisory Board for this purpose, and assuring them of the sincere desire for good will between the two Synods at all times. We were just as cordially received and given the floor at their very earliest opportunity and heard respectfully. Every courtesy was accorded us, as we found these men know so well how to do. We wish to express our appreciation of the opportunity granted for coming into closer touch with the work done by our brother Synod.

L. J. POWELL.

Adopted.

The greetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society were presented by its President, Mrs. S. H. Yerian. At the request of President Harman, Rev. L. J. Powell responded to these greetings.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We wish to report that we find the President's report covering the usual acts pertaining to that office, full and complete. It has been a busy year for the out-going President and the rest of us owe him a debt of gratitude and appreciation for his faithful services.

We submit the three recommendations of his report:

1. That this Synod lay plans looking to the publication of a Synodical paper.

2. In view of the nearing 400th anniversary of the Reformation and in accord with the action at the recent convention of the General Synod, that we take action in behalf of a quickened and intelligent interest in this movement fraught with so much meaning to our church.

3. That we take proper procedure for including an Obituary Committee in our standing Committees.

We, the Committee, recommend further:

1. That a Committee on Publication of a Synodical paper, be appointed by the President to report one year hence.

2. That there be appointed a Committee of five (5) whose term of office shall be two (2) years, to confer with committees from other Lutheran Bodies in arranging for state-wide observance of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation and looking forward to co-operation with the General Synod in its campaign of education.

3. We note that the President has omitted to report the existing vacancies in Synod and we recommend that hereafer all vacancies be reported, as a separate item.

4. By action of the Synod already taken, the committee on Necrology has been provided for and we recommend that a memorial service be held Saturday afternoon for the persons deceased mentioned in the report.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on the President's Report.

C. H. LEWIS, for the Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted seriatim. Item one, adopted. Item two, adopted. Item three, adopted. Item four, adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

The President's Report was adopted.

Rev. J. F. Seibert was heard in the interest of the Board of Publication.

## REPORT OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The Forty-seventh Convention of the General Synod was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, May 26-June 2, 1915. Your delegation was among the fortunate ones, privileged to occupy the more important seats in the synagogue. Its personnel was as follows:

Clerical—J. H. Richard, C. N. Swihart, W. T. Kahse, R. M. Badger, G. W. Livers; Lay—J. H. Miller, M. D., H. L. Hogrefe, C. F. Betcke, Fred Fair, A. B. Tebbens.

The synodical sermon was preached by the retiring president, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D. The Holy Communion was administered to the two hundred and eighty delegates and to the visiting members of the Brotherhood which had been in session during the two preceding days.

Synod organized for business with the election of the following officers: President, Prof. J. A. Singmaster, D. D.; Secretary, Prof. F. P. Manhart, D. D.; Treasurer, Mr. George H. Knollenburg.

Then began an incessant grind of business which never, however, became wearisome, the President, a prince among parliamentarians, keeping his pledge to make business a pleasure. The enactment of far reaching legislation, chiefly conclusive, on matters vitally important, filled seven busy days. There was ample discussion. The speeches were, as a rule, short, pithy, but not pointless. The irrepressible was occasionally in evidence, but variety forbade stagnation.

A report of only a few hundred words can give but the briefest resume, unsatisfactory at best, of the most salient features of the convention.

Perhaps the most important practical action was the formation of a new corporation whose name is: "The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States." It consists of six clergymen and five laymen. The identity of the old Boards will be preserved indefinitely that the titles to legacies and invested funds may not be invalidated.

Synod still further manifested its aggressiveness in adopting the report of its committee on the office of "Lay Reader," together with the detailed constitution offered by it; and in the formation of a "Board of Inner Missions."

The achievements of the Laymen's Missionary Movement left no question as to the value of this young but virile organization. The number of congregations adopting their plans is 377.

The Third Biennial Convention of the Federal Council of Brotherhoods was constituted of a great company of earnest men with but a single purpose: to plan for service in the church. "There were present by far the largest number of men ever assembled in the history of the movement." The minimum number of organizations is 450, with a membership of 17,000 men.

The reports of the various Church Boards indicated that the business of the Church is entrusted to competent hands.

From the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, one gleans that the church at home is increasingly, if not yet fully, recognizing her responsibility in the Great Commission. The advance over the previous biennium was four cents per communicant, or $16,731.46. The total receipts from all sources were $234,505.22. The missionary force has reached the highest in our history, 58. During the biennium eight new missionaries were added to our India and seven to our African work. Nine are now under commission to go as soon as arrangements can be made. Ten churches and two individuals are supporting each a missionary in the foreign field. Synod approved the action of our Board in assuming the work of our church in British Guiana, which had belonged to the East Pennsylvania Synod.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions showed a deepening sense of Christian Stewardship manifested in increased missionary activity, in enlarged gifts, and in self-denying service. The total receipts during the biennium were $197,916.15, an increase of $20,789.20 over the former biennium. Other signs of progress are: four congregations each supporting a missionary, monthly payment of missionaries' salaries, twenty-two missions becoming self-supporting, forty-four new missions enrolled making a total of two hundred and seventy-four receiving aid.

and an increased confirmed membership of 5,513. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society contributed to the Home Mission Board, $37,159.48, for the support of thirty-eight missions. Nebraska next to Pennsylvania, has a larger number of missions than any other state.

The Report of the Board of Church Extension was full of optimism. Total receipts for biennium, $230,766.39—a magnificent achievement for our Board. The total assets of the Board are $875,396.35. With the lonesome exception of three, all the synods paid their apportionment. Loans were made to 35 and donations to 300 churches.

The Report of the Board of Education sustained the reputation which had been made by the other Boards for the best reports in their history. The gross receipts of the Board increased nearly twenty per cent and the receipts on apportionment more than ten per cent over the preceding biennium. A detailed report of the various educational institutions of the church showed large gains both in assets and in attendance. The Board was instructed to continue its investigation of sites for a woman's college.

The Deaconess Work was commended by Synod. There are at present 31 deaconesses and 13 probationers in connection with the Motherhouse. Parish work has been done in 17 congregations and seven stations in the benevolent institutions of the Church have been regularly filled. The total receipts were $46,-967.69. The indebtedness has been reduced from $45,000 to $30,-000.

The Report of the Statistical Secretary presented some heartening figures: Infant baptisms, 14,345; adult accessions, 33,-278; communicant members, 248,506; confirmed, 399,994; total benevolence, $508,406; grand total for all purposes, $3,587,159.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Publication Society was of especial interest as setting forth the condition of that society at the close of a history of three score years. Its steadily increasing business has necessitated the renting of another property. The branch offices have justified their establishment. Synod adopted the recommendation of the Society concerning the purchase of "The Lutheran Observer," and its merger with "Lutheran Church Work."

The Lutheran Church Work has increased its subscription list to above 12,000. "Undoubtedly this growth in popularity and influence has been largely due to the very low $1.00 subscription rate, made possible by the fact that the committee were at no expense for editorship and management." The receipts for the biennium were $22,295.62, and the expenditures, $22,470.62.

The Report of the Pastor's Fund showed at the present time 127 beneficiaries, receiving an aggregate amount of $21,650, ranging from $100.00 to $250.00, and in some cases, $300.00. By

death or by self-support 11 ministers and 11 widows were removed from, while 19 ministers and 20 widows were taken on the funds of the Society.

Lack of space does not permit us to tell of the needs and labors of love for the aged and the orphan, by the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Feghtly Lutheran Home, Tressler Orphans' Home, Oesterlen Orphans' Home, Nachusa Orphanage, and our own Tabitha Home. The care of the widow and the orphan is the practical expression of pure and undefiled religion.

No graver problem confronted Synod than the scarcity of candidates for the Christian Ministry. This condition as it has prevailed for some years has become indeed alarming. The call today is for men, not money. This matter received so much consideration that as a consequence its standing committee on Ministerial Education was authorized to take a very distinct departure and advance upon anything hitherto considered to be within the province of this committee.

Synod was decided in its endorsement of Temperance and voted $500.00 per annum to be used in the furtherance of this specific cause.

The formulation of plans for a worthy celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation with the co-operation of other general Lutheran bodies; the joint publication of the "Common Service Book and Hymnal" by the General Synod, General Council and the United Synod of the South, to be ready for distribution by Easter, 1916, together with instruction that the General Synod's Committee on Sunday Schools proceed in the preparation of a series of Graded Lessons, co-operating with committees from the General Council, United Synod of the South and the Joint Synod of Ohio, all indicate that old misunderstandings are approaching the vanishing point and that the day of harmonious relations has already dawned.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, D. D., fraternal delegate from the United Synod of the South, and Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D. D., fraternal delegate from the General Council, presented the respective greetings of those bodies to which the President of Synod made fitting responses.

Marked by conservatism and yet aggressively progressive, pervaded by a desire for co-operation and unity with other Lutheran bodies, but with no disposition to surrender her own historic position, this convention of the General Synod was worthy of the body it represented.

One recommendation—that the Nebraska Synod adopt the apportionment of $1.55 per communicant as indicated by General Synod.

J. H. RICAHRD,
For the delegation.

The Report was adopted and the recommendation referred to the Apportionment Committee.

## COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND BILLS.

Your Committee on Claims and Bills, have considered all bills presented, and recommend that the following be allowed, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the same.

**To Delegates to General Synod.**

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| R. M. Badger | $ 6.00 |
| J. H. Richard | 6.00 |
| C. N. Swihart | 6.00 |
| W. T. Kahse | 6.00 |
| G. W. Livers | 6.00 |
| C. F. Betcke | 6.00 |
| J. H. Miller | 6.00 |
| Fred Fair | 6.00 |
| Arthur Tebbens | 2.25 |
| H. L. Hogrefe | 5.25 |
| Also | |
| L. J. Powell, expenses as President | 46.47 |
| J. A. Lowe, Trustee of Midland | 8.00 |
| C. B. Harman, Trustee of Midland | 17.20 |
| G. W. Livers, Trustee of Midland & stationery | 12.81 |
| C. E. Sparks, stationery | 1.50 |
| C. H. Lewis, Advisory Board expenses and stationery | 10.73 |
| J. H. Richard, Advisory Board expenses and stationery | 16.60 |
| J. H. Miller, Salary and stationery | 15.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. MILLER,
For the Committee.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE.

Your Committee to Midland College submit the following report: At the annual meeting of the board June 9, 1914, there were present Revs. G. W. Livers, C. B. Harman, J. A. Lowe and Dr. Jos. H. Miller.

The reports to the board indicated that there has been harmonious and decided progress at the institution during the past year. The present year has opened with an increase of students in all classes of the college proper. The Board authorized its executive committee to proceed with the erection of a building to serve as a central heating plant and a gymnasium, at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. While there has been an encouraging increase of students, we yet feel that the number is far below what the churches on Midland territory should furnish. Let us seek most earnestly to present not only the needs of the col-

lege, but also the excellent quality of work done and the training given to our young men and women fitting them for the practical work of life and for the ideal life itself.

GEO. W. LIVERS,
C. B. HARMON,
J. A. LOWE,
JOS. H. MILLER.

Adopted.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Executive Council met in regular session at Grace Lutheran Church. Meeting called to order by the chairman, L. J. Powell. The bond received from the Treasurer of Synod, J. H. Miller, was approved. No further business coming before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

L. J. POWELL,
L. GROH,
J. H. RICHARD.

Adopted.

The President appointed as a Committee on Necrology, Revs. J. A. Lowe, S. H. Yerian and E. Lee Fleck.

Minutes of the Fourth Session were read and approved. Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. H. Hanson.

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## EVENING SERVICE.

Friday, October 8, 8 p. m.

The Liturgical Service was in charge of Rev. C. S. Powell, and Rev. M. E. Bollinger. The address was delivered by Rev. C. B. Harman on "Pietism in the Lutheran Church."

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## FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, October 9, 8:30 a. m.

Devotional half hour was conducted by Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

President Harman in the chair, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. L. J. Powell. The Roll was called. The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was read and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Our Synod thankfully gave partial aid from its beneficiary fund, last year, to six candidates for the ministry, all of whom pursued, with credit, their studies, either in the college or seminary, at Atchison. Three of this number, Paul Machetzki, Emil Doering and George Dorn, were graduated from the Theological Seminary in June, and will be solemnly set apart to the gospel ministry, by the Synod, Sunday night, by the sacred rite of ordination.

William Herman, seminary middler, who received aid only last year, has not applied for assistance this year, and which omission is probably due to an oversight on his part.

John Hershey, granted a year's leave of absence from school because of ill health, has returned to the Seminary in a greatly improved condition and has discreetly entered the Middle Class whose studies failing health prevented him from completing a year earlier than is now practicable.

Ernest Mortensen, aided last year for the first time, is now a Sophomore in Midland College.

We are sure that the Synod will be much gratified over the report of four new applicants for financial aid, all of them having the hearty endorsement of capable persons who know them well, both as to Christian character and mental endowments. They are James Mortensen of Wolbach, a Sophomore in college; Robert Albright, of Lincoln, a college Freshman; Jens J. Raun, recently from Germany, a Junior in college; and Frederick Nolte, of Atchison, in the middle class of the Seminary.

We recommend: First, that all applicants for beneficiary aid, both in the present instances and in the future, be enjoined to send to the Education Committee a physician's certificate of health, as provided for in the application blanks.

Second, That all applicants, both former and new, whose names are mentioned in the lines going before and who forward satisfactory certificates, be granted $125.00 each, for the school year 1915-1916.

Third, That, in case William Herman shall make formal application, aid shall be given to him in equal amount and on the same conditions as to the other beneficiaries.

Fourth, That if Frank Faux, of 2107 J St., So. Omaha, Nebr., shall make application for aid for the second semester, as Freshman in college, he be granted such aid to the amount of $62.50, on condition that said application shall in all respects have the approval of the Education Committee.

Fifth, That the Education Committee be instructed to communicate with Oliver Meister, a beneficiary for several years, but who has not registered yet this year in Midland College, or been given permission to omit his studies there for any cause, by the Synod, in order thereby to learn what are his purposes relative to preparing for the Lutheran Ministry and the notes held by the treasurer for remittances from the beneficiary fund.

In respect to Synod's instructions to the committee a year ago, that it should proceed to collect from Fred White, the $850,00 paid to him as a beneficiary student, we hereby report that in response to the committees' correspondence with him, Mr. White stated, in substance, that he felt inclined to complete his part of the contract with Synod if the latter should make it possible for him to do so. The real meaning intended by Mr. White's statement is an enigma to your committee. However, the committee succeeded in securing from him a new note, on demand, covering his indebtedness in full. What further shall be done?

Your committee has received a communication from the committee on Ministerial Education of the General Synod calling attention to the need of many more students to fill the pulpits calling for pastors, and urging pastors to present the claims of the ministry upon the parents and the sons in the congregation; also suggesting that where feasible, pastors by arranging to exchange pulpits could further emphasize this need of more young men for the ministry.

We recommend that pastors and Sunday Schools superintendents emphasize the church's call for more young men to consecrate themselves for the ministry.

We also recommend that Synod unite in prayer with Dr. L. Groh, and Rev. J. A. Lowe that God would quicken and call young men to fill up the ranks of the ministry in the field "white for the harvest."

L. L. Lipe,
JOSEPH H. MILLER,
GUSTAV KLATT,
M. E. BOLLINGER.

The report was adopted with the amendment that Frank Faux be granted aid at Midland College, Dr. L. Groh and Rev. J. A. Lowe leading Synod in prayer in the interest of increased accessions to the Christian Ministry.

## REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF NACHUSA ORPHANAGE.

Neither of your directors were able to attend the last annual meeting of the Board, held last October. Dr. Ludden has since been called to his reward, and Dr. Yerian was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Nachusa is still on the needy list, in need of a superintendent (which they have been without for more than three years) in need of a boys' dormitory, in need of farm equipment, in need of money for meeting the running expenses, yes, in need of more sympathy and prayer. The last information received showed the number of children to be 38, and 12 of this number too young to attend school.

Our Synod paid during the past year $100.65 as a free will offering. The home is at the mercy of such offerings. There is no apportionment laid. We ask again that each congregation use the offering received on Children's day to give Nachusa, needy Nachusa at this time, a most liberal offering. May God's blessing be upon all the orphans and that many active and consecrated men and women may come forth from this home.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. SWIHART,
S. H. YERIAN.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

Your committee on the Minutes of the North Platte Conference would report the following: We have carefully examined the Minutes of Conference and find,

First, A resolution expressing the desire of Conference to secure the co-operation of the Lutheran Brotherhood and that a suitable place on the program be assigned to them. We recommend that the Synod endorse this movement, and commend it to the other conferences of the Synod for a like consideration.

Second, We found a resolution petitioning the Synod to publish a Monthly Synodical paper. This has been disposed of by the committee on the President's report.

Third, Chiefly, We find the following report: There are a number of opportunities for Synod to inaugurate new work where it is not possible for us to place a pastor at present, therefore, be it resolved,

That arrangements be made for starting Sunday Schools where proper supervision can be obtained to care for and develop the interests of our English work until such time that it may be deemed advisable to organize a congregation, and be it further resolved,

That this plan be under the direction of the Advisory Board of Home Missions and working in conjunction with the Synodical Missionary, and that the co-operation of nearby Lutheran pastors be sought to make this plan effective.

Resolved that the North Platte Conference hereby petition Synod to inaugurate these plans.

We respectfully present this resolution for the consideration of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

M. E. BOLLINGER,
For the Committee.

Adopted seriatim. Item one, adopted. Item two passed over as already disposed of. Item three, adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

Your Committee has examined the minutes of the South Platte Conference and find that they held a very profitable session of Conference at Falls City, April 13-15.

Respectfully Submitted,

PAUL A. J. BUELOW,
For the Committee.

The Report was adopted with the amendment that the resolutions on Evangelism be referred to a committee to report next year.

The committee appointed by the President was Revs. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., J. H. Richard, H. H. Hanson, C. N. Swihart and R. Weismiller.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your apportionment committee report the following: We recommend the following levies for our benevolences for the following year:

General Synod .07, Synodical Treasury .16, Synodical Missions .25, Home Missions .40, Foreign Missions .32, Church Extension .26, Board of Education .20, Ministerial Education .25, Pastor's Fund .10, Deaconess Board .10, Home for the Aged .05, Tabitha Home .05, Seminary Contingent Fund .04. Total $2.25.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. R. LOWE,
For the Committee.

A motion was made that the Report be referred back to the Committee with the instruction that it limit the amount of apportionment to $2.20.

Roll Call was demanded with the following result: Yeas: Groh, Lipe, Snyder, White, Bollinger, Baltzly, Reitzel, Yerian, Wennermark, Doering, Machetzki, Dorn, Koch, Tegtmeyer, Thielke, Nelson, August Smith, Heldt.

Nays: J. A. Lowe, Melick, Fleck, Keller, Bollman, Wolfe, Harman, Richard, Badger, Swihart, Sparks, Kahse, Lewis, Powell, L. J., Trygstad, Lowe, C. R., Powell, C. S., Hanson, H. H., Voss, Evan Miller, Guhlin, Peter Hanson, Swanson. The negative vote prevailed.

The Report was adopted.

Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., Dean of Western Theological Seminary was made an advisory member of Synod, and addressed it as an official representative of the above institution.

The Necrology Committee reported that a service for the deceased and bereaved members of Synod had been arranged and Synod ordered it to be held following Preparatory Service.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

A number of papers have been put in the hands of this committee, a few of which require the action of Synod.

1. We recommend that Rev. W. T. Kahse be made the representative of the Nebraska Synod on the committee to arrange for conference of pastors, congregation, brotherhoods, etc., west of Chicago, and that his expenses be provided for by Synod, when he attends the meeting of the committee.

2. A communication received from Yutan in regard to church furniture, we believe sufficiently dealt with in the Synodical Missionary Report.

3. A communication received from Rev. H. Heiner concerning money owed him by the Tabitha Home Board, we believe should receive the attention of that Board, and we recommend that this Board be urged to pay the same.

4. Other communications placed in our hands have been handed to other committees for their consideration.

5. The bids received for the printing of the minutes have been placed in the hands of the Secretary, and we recommend that the same receive the consideration of Synod.

6. In accordance with the request of Synod the Ordination papers of Rev. H. L. Rohde have been deposited with the Secretary. Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SPARKS,
For the Committee.

Adopted seriatim. Item one, adopted. A motion prevailed that the afternoon session convene at 1:30. The minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved. Synod adjourned with item two of the above report under discussion. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. A. Wolfe.

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## SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, October 9, 1:30 p. m.

President, Rev. C. B. Harmon in the chair, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. E. Sparks. The roll was called. Item two of Report of Committee on Letters and Papers was amended to read: "That a committee of two be appointed to visit the field and make such adjustment as shall dispose of the Yutan situation for the present." The item was adopted as amended. The President appointed Rev. L. J. Powell and Rev. R. M. Badger. Item three was referred to a committee of two—Rev. C. N. Swihart and Rev. H. Wennermark—with instruction to report, if possible at this meeting of Synod. Item four was adopted. Item five was adopted and the contract for the printing of the minutes of Synod awarded to the Burbank Printshop, Atchison, Kan. Item six, no action necessary.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES.

Your committee finds the following vacancies in the Synod: Auburn, Benedict, Davenport, Pawnee-Zion, Sidney, Sioux, Wayne, Yutan. As over against the showing of last year when

there were 12 charges vacant this showing is encouraging. At least two of these have pastors in mind and will not likely be long vacant.

It is recommended that special attention be paid to the supplying of these points until such time as they may again have the services of a regular pastor.

L. J. POWELL,
For the Committee.

Adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Three applications for membership in the Synod have been received by the committee, namely: the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Falls City, Rev. J. Matthiesen, pastor; The St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Oakland, Rev. H. Wennermark, pastor; and the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hooper.

We have examined the constitutions of these three organizations and find them in full accord with the form of constitution provided by our Board of Home Missions and hence by the General Synod. Also the applications came through regular action of the respective congregations.

We therefore recommend that they be received into the Synod and assured a most hearty welcome with the prayer that such synodical relationship may be fraught with great blessing to both congregation and Synod.

L. J. POWELL,
For the Committee.

Adopted.

At this time C. N. Swihart read a report from "Pastors' Fund Society."

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SERVICES.

Your committee on Sunday services have the following report to bring. Ministers as follows, will have part in the following services and preach:

Grace English Lutheran, a. m. —O. D. Baltzly, D. D.; p. m.—C. N. Swihart.

Freidens Gemeinde—Morning, L. Groh, D. D., L. J. Powell; afternoon—Revs. Wennemark and Doering; evening—A. M. Reitzel and W. T. Kahse.

Tabitha—Afternoon, J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.

Swedish Lutheran—H. Wennermark.
St. Mark's Reformed—L. Groh, D. D., evening.
United Brethren—Chas. H. B. Lewis.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. BADGER,
For the Committee.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

Your Committee on Protocol would report that we have carefully compared the Protocol with the printed minutes of the last convention of Synod, and find that the two records agree. We heartily commend our secretary for the manner in which the protocol has been kept. (Signed.)

G. W. SNYDER,
PAUL MACHETZKI,
C. FRANKLIN KOCH,
HERMAN LARSON.

Adopted.

## FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOLING EXPENSES.

The following are entitled to rebates:

Clerical—

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|---|---|
| C. H. Lewis | $ .64 |
| C. B. Harman | 4.16 |
| C. S. Powell | 7.64 |
| P. O. Machetzki | 2.12 |
| H. H. Hanson | 9.88 |
| E. W. M. Johnson | 9.12 |
| Emil Doering | 1.88 |

Lay

| | |
|---|---|
| Roy Swanson | 7.64 |
| Peter Hanson | 9.88 |
| N. J. Guhlin | 1.36 |

Respectfully submitted,
C. E. SPARKS,
C. H. LEWIS.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses would respectfully report, that the following have handed in sufficient reasons for being excused: Rev. M. L. Melick, Rev. W. G. Gettle, Rev. Paul A. J. Beulow, Rev. S. L. Keller, Rev. Geo. W.

Livers, Rev. W. F. Eyster, Rev. Frank S. Delo, Rev. J. Howard Stough, Rev. I. N. Augustine, Rev. J F. Kuhlman Rev. R. B. Peery, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Rev. C. F. Koch, Rev. A. H. Trygstad and Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D.

Also the following laymen: Messrs. Sing, Crannell, Smith, J. F., Thielke and Steyer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. KELLER,

For the Committee.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas in the providence of Almighty God our English Lutheran work in Nebraska has grown from a very meagre beginning in 1858 to a strong Synod with conscientious pastors everywhere, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we record our gratitude to Almighty God for leading our church into such a rich heritage. We deeply regret and deplore that there has been so very little increase in the membership of our Synod during the last four years. This is indicative of unfavorable conditions somewhere. We pledge ourselves to carefully analyze our work and to put forth our most faithful efforts toward winning a larger harvest of souls for the Kingdom this coming year by earnest personal evangelism.

2. We record with gratification that our Officers and Missionary Superintendent have been so faithful and successful in securing pastors for our vacant churches, and that there are so few vacancies at this meeting of Synod.

3. A communication has been received from the Laymen's Missionary Committee suggesting that if the pastors of this Synod who have not raised their apportionment, will give to the Secretary of this Synod the names and addresses of the officers of their church Councils, that Committee offers to render efficient services to these congregations in raising their apportionment. We recommend that our pastors comply with the request and offer of the Laymen's Missionary Committee.

4. We record our sincere appreciation of the exceeding cordial hospitality of the pastor and members of the Lincoln congregation in extending an invitation to Synod when it was without a place of meeting so near the time of meeting, and extend to them our heartiest thanks. We trust that their entertaining strangers almost unawares may bring the suggested spiritual blessing of Scripture. We thank Mr. Jesse Fair and his splendid choir for their excellent music which has contributed so much to the richness of the public service of Synod.

O. D. BALTZLY,

For the Committee.

The report was adopted as a whole with the amendment that the part referring to the Lincoln congregation be read at the close of the Sunday evening service.

Rev. L. J. Powell was elected synodical representative to the Council of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEM THREE OF LETTERS AND PAPERS.**

Your committee would report that it finds on inquiry that a full statement and recommendation cannot be made at this time relative to the letter received from Rev. H. Heiner and recommend that the Board of Directors of Tabitha Home furnish this committee with a full financial statement of the Home as related to Rev. Heiner. Respectfully submitted,

C. N. SWIHART,
H. WENNERMARK.

Adopted.

The rules of Synod were suspended and the Secretary cast the ballot of Synod for Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., as Director of Nachusa Orphanage, term to expire in 1917.

On motion, Memorial Service for the deceased members of Synod was made the order of the day following Preparatory Service. A recess was taken till after the Memorial Service.

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## PREPARATORY SERVICE.

Saturday, October 9, 3:00 p. m.

The liturgical service was conducted by Rev. R. A. White and Rev. W. T. Kahse. Rev. C. E. Sparks preached the Preparatory Sermon. The President of Synod conducted the service of Confession and Absolution.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE.

4:00 p. m.

The Memorial Service was in charge of Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., who offered prayer. The following resolutions were read by Rev. J. A. Lowe:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

Whereas it has pleased God since our last meeting together to call from this life Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Western Secretary of Board of Home Missions, and Rev. Floyd E. Blessing, pastor of our church, at Wayne; and Rev. D. Z. Foulk, of York Springs, Pa.; and also has called upon Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and Rev. I. N. Augustine, to bear the unspeakable loss of loved ones,

Be it resolved: That while Synod deeply feels the loss of efficient laborers, we bow to the infinite wisdom and love of God.

And further resolved that we cherish the memory of the noble lives and blessed labors of our beloved and departed fellow workers.

And be it resolved that our true and tender sympathy be and is hereby extended to their families commending them to the Holy Spirit, our great and divine comforter.

Resolved that at this time a suitable memorial service be held and, that the following brethren be invited to speak fit words to express the thought and feelings of our hearts: In memory of Dr. Ludden and Rev. D. Z. Foulk, Rev. G. W. Synder and Rev. E. Lee Fleck; in memory of Rev. Floyd E. Blessing, Rev. R. Weissmiller and Rev. C. R. Lowe; in memory of the loved ones of Dr. L. Groh and Rev. I. N. Augustine, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Church Papers and to the families whom God has visited with bereavement.

J. A. LOWE,
S. H. YERIAN.

Services were held carrying into effect the provisions of the above resolutions, Rev. L. J. Powell substituting for Rev. R. Weissmiller. Rev. L. L. Lipe offered the closing prayer.

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4:45 p. m.

Synod reconvened at 4:45 p. m. Rev. R. M. Badger and Mr. J. H. Humpe were elected Directors of the Tabitha Home.

Rev. G. W. Livers and Mr. John Petring were elected Trustees of Midland college, terms to expire in 1918.

Fourteen hundred copies of the minutes of Synod were ordered printed.

On motion, the janitor of the church was allowed $5.00 for his extra service.

On motion, the Treasurer and Secretary of Synod were allowed $5.00 and $15.00 respectively for their services.

A motion prevailed that all Reports of "Special Committees" be signed only by the Chairman "for the committee."

The Report of the Committee on Necrology as read at the Memorial Service was formally adopted.

The President appointed the following committees: On Synodical Paper, Revs. C. H. Lewis, R. M. Badger and H. Wennermark; on the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, Revs. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., L. J. Powell, J. A. Lowe, C. E. Sparks and W. T. Kahse.

On motion, the Report of the Educational Committee was reopened and Rev. J. A. Lowe offered the following resolution which was adopted: "That the Committee be and is instructed to correspond with other synods with a view to their taking over one or more of our beneficiary students for their support."

The Minutes of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society were ordered printed with those of the Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That this Synod respectfully petition the German Lutheran congregation to grant the English Lutheran congregation of Yutan the privilege for the usage of their church, provided this will not conflict with their own regular services."

The final Report of the Committee on Apportionment was adopted. See Appendix C.

On motion, the President of Synod was instructed to appoint at some future date, a fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., extended an invitation to Synod to meet in St. Luke's Church, 25th and K. Sts., Omaha, Nebraska, October 18-22, 1916. Synod accepted the invitation which was tendered with the understanding that entertainment be on the Harvard Plan.

The following resolution submitted by Rev. L. J. Powell was adopted:

"That a committee of two be appointed to correspond with such bodies as may be necessary with the purpose of getting out a form of letter to be given by pastors to their young people who may attend the State University, and to place the same in the hands of the pastors—such committee to have power to act."

The President appointed Revs. C. E. Sparks and R. M. Badger.

The Minutes of the Sixth Session were read and approved.

Rev. A. M. Reitzel offering prayer, Synod adjourned to meet at the close of the Sunday evening service.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Communion Sermon was delivered in the morning by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The Ordination Sermon at the evening service was delivered by Rev. C. N. Swihart. Four young men—Revs. Emil Doering, George Dorn, Paul Machetzki, and Mr. C. Wilbur Nelson—were ordained to the office of the Christian Ministry.

## ADJOURNED SESSION.

Sunday evening, October 10, 9:30.

On motion, Rev. Weissmiller was allowed expenses incurred as reporter. A motion was sustained that Mr. Fritz Nolte be requested to transfer his membership to the Nebraska Synod if at all possible.

The minutes of the Adjourned Session were read and approved.

The Forty-third Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod was closed by President Rev. C. B. Harman with the use of the prescribed liturgical form and the Apostolic benediction.

J. H. RICHARD, Secretary.
C. B. HARMAN, President.

## APPENDIX A—PAROCHIAL REPORT.

PAROCHIAL. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

| Index Number. | Pastors. | Pastorates. | Churches. | Churches. | Stations. | Prayer Meetings. | Students for the Ministry. | Catechumens. | Subscriptions to "Church Work." | Losses. Death. | Losses. Certificate. | Losses. Other Losses. | Accessions. Infant Baptisms. | Accessions. Adult Baptisms. | Accessions. Confirmations. | Accessions. Certificate. | Accessions. Restoration. | Membership. Communicant. | Membership. Confirmed. | Membership. Baptized. | Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property. | Finances. Indebtedness. | Finances. Regular Local Expenses. | Finances. Unusual Local Expenses. | Number of Schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Teacher-Training Students | Members of Home Dept. | Members of Cradle Roll. | Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects. | Contributions. For Benevolence. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Livers, G. W. | Allen* | First Luth. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 2 | .. | 8 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 5 | .. | 85 | 104 | 141 | $ 9,500 | $ 2,100 | $ 1,436 | $ 838 | 1 | 19 | 116 | .. | 8 | 58 | $ 60 | 1 |
| 2 | Vacant | Auburn* | | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 90 | 100 | 129 | 6,000 | 400 | 800 | ..... | 1 | 11 | 65 | .. | .. | .. | 50 | .. |
| 3 | Reitzel, A. M. | Beatrice | Trinity | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 10 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 5 | .. | .. | 149 | 219 | 225 | 15,000 | ..... | 1,820 | ..... | 1 | 22 | 157 | .. | .. | 46 | 85 | .. |
| 4 | Vacant | Benedict* | Bethel | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 34 | 6 | 62 | 2,500 | ..... | 300 | ..... | 1 | 6 | 30 | .. | .. | .. | 20 | .. |
| 5 | | Benedict | Zion | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 6 | 17 | 12 | .. | .. | 77 | 119 | 125 | 3,000 | ..... | 800 | 50 | 1 | 13 | 100 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 40 | .. |
| 6 | Wilbur, N. C. | Benson | First | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | 6 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 50 | 127 | 160 | 10,000 | 3,200 | 812 | 313 | 1 | 14 | 150 | .. | .. | .. | 86 | .. |
| 7 | Weissmiller, R. | Bruning* | First Eng. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 13 | 25 | .. | 10 | .. | 18 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 7 | 82 | 106 | 159 | 2,200 | ..... | 1,400 | 150 | 1 | 12 | 136 | .. | .. | .. | 170 | .. |
| 8 | Lowe, C. R. | | Emmanuel | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 | 31 | 42 | 1,850 | ..... | 95 | 86 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 170 | .. |
| 9 | | Dakota City* | Salem | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 80 | 105 | 145 | 4,250 | ..... | 123 | 330 | 1 | 10 | 80 | .. | 9 | .. | 45 | .. |
| 10 | Bollinger, M. E. | Davenport* | Christ | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 10 | 6 | .. | .. | 10 | 6 | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | 90 | 121 | 158 | 4,000 | ..... | 914 | ..... | 1 | 15 | 120 | .. | .. | 12 | 80 | .. |
| 11 | Lewis, C. H. | Emerson* | St. Luke's | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 36 | 2 | .. | 5 | 3 | 12 | .. | 11 | .. | .. | 48 | 65 | 176 | 1,800 | 1,650 | 1,418 | 150 | 1 | 16 | 157 | 4 | 82 | 37 | 79 | .. |
| 12 | Mathiesen, J. | Falls City | St. Paul's | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 12 | .. | .. | 1 | 6 | 1 | 19 | 4 | 12 | 102 | 102 | 250 | 3,000 | ..... | 1,200 | 200 | 1 | 9 | 125 | 8 | 5 | 21 | 75 | .. |
| 13 | Lipe, L. L. | Grand Island* | St. Paul's | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 17 | .. | 5 | 4 | 18 | 30 | 7 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 165 | 287 | 400 | 14,000 | ..... | 1,810 | ..... | 1 | 16 | 180 | .. | .. | .. | 110 | .. |
| 14 | | | St. Pful's | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 90 | 118 | 145 | 14,000 | 600 | 1,154 | ..... | 1 | 15 | 126 | .. | 6 | 23 | 121 | .. |
| 15 | Richard, J. H. | Hardy* | Jewell | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | 34 | 37 | 2,000 | ..... | 350 | 50 | 1 | 8 | 60 | .. | .. | 12 | 23 | .. |
| 16 | Trygstad, A. H. | Homer* | St. Paul | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 8 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 28 | 66 | 114 | 3,400 | 20 | 370 | ..... | 1 | 4 | 87 | .. | .. | .. | 105 | .. |
| 17 | | Hubbard | Trinity | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 46 | 114 | 2,200 | ..... | 180 | ..... | 1 | 3 | 50 | .. | .. | .. | 30 | .. |
| 18 | Badger, R. M. | Lincoln | Grace | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | 26 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 9 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 171 | 240 | 279 | 18,000 | ..... | 2,893 | 300 | 1 | 35 | 225 | .. | .. | 38 | 213 | .. |
| 19 | Lowe, J. A. | McCool Jt. | First | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | 10 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 77 | 96 | 136 | 6,000 | ..... | 1,204 | ..... | 1 | 10 | 90 | .. | .. | .. | 45 | .. |
| 20 | Vacant | Nebraska City* | First | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 86 | 135 | 172 | 10,500 | 900 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 11 | 65 | .. | .. | .. | 50 | .. |
| 21 | Harman, C. B. | North Platte* | First | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | 20 | 20 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 180 | 305 | 531 | 14,000 | ..... | 1,795 | ..... | 1 | 16 | 165 | .. | 60 | 58 | 145 | .. |
| 22 | Baltzly, O. D. | Omaha* | | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 250 | .. | 7 | 27 | 116 | 80 | 60 | 127 | 40 | 69 | 1,050 | 1,772 | 1,950 | 200,000 | 2,800 | 11,498 | ..... | .. | 54 | 892 | 14 | .. | 421 | 932 | .. |
| | Koch, C. F. | | K'ntze M. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... |

*Congregation has parsonage.

## APPENDIX A—PAROCHIAL REPORT—(Continued.)

| Index Number. | Y. P. Societies. Number of Societies. | Members. | Contributions For Local Objects. | Contributions For Benevolence. | Woman's Miss. Soc. Number of Societies. | Active Members. | Honorary Members. | Subscriptions to "Woman's Work." | Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects. | Brotherhoods. Number of Brotherhoods. | Members. | DUES General Synod. | DUES Synodical Treasury. | DUES Home Missions. | DUES Foreign Missions. | BENEVOLENCE Church Extension. | Board of Education. | Ministerial Education. | Woman's Missionary Society. | Pastor's Fund. | Orphans' Home. | Deaconess Board. | Home for the Aged. | Tabitha Home. | External Objects. | Total Benevolence. | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | .. | ..... | $.... | $... | 2 | 8 | .. | 11 | $ 17 | .. | ... | $ 4 | $ 12 | $ 28 | $ 2 | $ 19 | $ 15 | $ 19 | $... | $ 7 | $... | $ 7 | $ 4 | $ 4 | $ 63 | $ 225 | $ 2499 |
| 2 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .. | .... | .. | ... | 5 | .... | 50 | ..... | 21 | 7 | 21 | ..... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 5 | 6 | 113 | 913 |
| 3 | 2 | 54 | 56 | 61 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 18 | 35 | .. | ... | 7 | 22 | 87 | 45 | 36 | 28 | 35 | 35 | 14 | .... | 14 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 343 | 2163 |
| 4 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .. | .... | .. | ... | 2 | 7 | 29 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 12 | .... | 5 | .... | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 88 | 388 |
| 5 | .. | ..... | ..... | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | ... | 3 | 9 | 36 | 19 | 15 | 12 | 13 | .... | 10 | .... | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 136 | 986 |
| 6 | 2 | 102 | 80 | .... | 2 | 25 | .. | ... | 245 | .. | ... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35 | 1160 |
| 7 | 1 | 40 | 35 | .... | 2 | 35 | .. | 10 | 60 | .. | ... | 9 | 49 | 35 | 18 | 9 | 20 | 10 | 18 | 6 | .... | 6 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 210 | 1760 |
| 8 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | 1 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 22 | .. | ... | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 22 | 2 | .... | 2 | 1 | 1 | ..... | 41 | 242 |
| 9 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | .... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | .... | 58 | ..... | .... | 16 | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | .... | 78 | 531 |
| 10 | 2 | 43 | 47 | 15 | 1 | 7 | .. | 5 | 49 | .. | ... | 5 | 14 | 56 | 29 | 19 | 18 | 23 | 49 | 8 | 12 | 2 | .... | 5 | 110 | 350 | 1264 |
| 11 | 1 | 12 | 336 | 1 | 1 | 12 | .. | 1 | .... | .. | ... | 2 | 6 | 25 | 13 | 10 | 16 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 14 | ..... | 118 | 1686 |
| 12 | 1 | 20 | 8 | .... | .. | .... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | 3 | 28 | 25 | .... | 18 | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 | 15 | 99 | 1499 |
| 13 | .. | 18 | 20 | .... | 1 | 30 | 3 | .. | 520 | .. | ... | 8 | 16 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 40 | .... | 16 | .... | 16 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 226 | 2036 |
| 14 | 1 | 40 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 10 | 22 | .. | ... | 5 | 15 | 59 | 30 | 25 | 19 | 24 | 21 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 315 | 551 | 1705 |
| 15 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | .... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | 1 | 4 | 17 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 7 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 112 | 512 |
| 16 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | 2 | 39 | 1 | ... | 200 | .. | ... | 2 | 7 | 24 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 5 | ..... | 76 | 446 |
| 17 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | 1 | 7 | 1 | ... | .... | .. | ... | 1 | 4 | 6 | ..... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 4 | ..... | 22 | 202 |
| 18 | 1 | 25 | 39 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 2 | 12 | 30 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 24 | 94 | 48 | 39 | 30 | 38 | 30 | 15 | 10 | 17 | 8 | 11 | 84 | 456 | 3649 |
| 19 | .. | 10 | ..... | .... | .. | .... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | 4 | 12 | 34 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 19 | .... | 8 | .... | 8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 156 | 1360 |
| 20 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | .... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 4 | 54 | 4 | .... | .... | 3 | .... | 5 | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 70 | .... |
| 21 | 1 | 25 | 20 | .... | 3 | .... | 2 | 33 | 60 | 1 | 70 | 9 | 29 | 112 | 58 | 47 | 36 | 45 | 58 | 18 | 9 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 63 | 527 | 2322 |
| 22 | 1 | 317 | 112 | 32 | 4 | 109 | 1 | 50 | 396 | .. | ... | 43 | 136 | 528 | 27 | 221 | 170 | 263 | 109 | 85 | .... | 85 | 43 | 68 | 374 | 2372 | 13870 |
| .. | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | ..... | .. | ..... | ..... | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

## APPENDIX A—PAROCHIAL REPORT—(Continued.)

| Index Number. | Pastors. | Pastorates. | Churches. | PAROCHIAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Churches. | Stations. | Prayer Meetings. | Students for the Ministry. | Catechumens. | Subscriptions to "Church Work." | Losses. Death. | Losses. Certificate. | Losses. Other Losses. | Accessions. Infant Baptisms. | Accessions. Adult Baptisms. | Accessions. Confirmations. | Accessions. Certificate. | Accessions. Restoration. | Membership. Communicant. | Membership. Confirmed. | Membership. Baptized. | Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property. | Finances. Indebtedness. | Finances. Regular Local Expenses. | Finances. Unusual Local Expenses. | Number of Schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Teacher-Training Students | Members of Home Dept. | Members of Cradle Roll. | Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects. | Contributions. For Benevolence. |
| 23 | Swihart, C. N. .. | Omaha* | Grace | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 25 | ... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 20 | 4 | 3 | 145 | 235 | 275 | 19,000 | 4,957 | 2,939 | ..... | 2 | 49 | 338 | .. | 27 | 43 | 402 | ... |
| 24 | Groh, L. ..... | Omaha* | St. Mark's | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 11 | 38 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 3 | ... | 128 | 189 | 220 | 20,000 | 1,500 | 1,580 | 500 | 1 | 27 | 260 | .. | ... | 43 | 260 | 60 |
| 25 | Synder, G. W.... | Omaha | St. Matt's | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 8 | 1 | 1 | .. | 25 | 14 | ... | 5 | ... | 3 | 36 | 51 | 150 | 2,000 | 1,350 | 522 | 120 | 1 | 8 | 114 | .. | ... | ... | 41 | 12 |
| 26 | Sylvanus, H. Y... | Omaha | St. Luke's | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 44 | 3 | .. | .. | 44 | 23 | 4 | 28 | 1 | 20 | 164 | 385 | 506 | 12,500 | 2,500 | 1,800 | 350 | 1 | 26 | 360 | .. | ... | ... | 475 | 40 |
| 27 | Powel, C. S..... | Oshkosh | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 10 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 40 | 50 | 75 | 2,800 | ..... | 400 | 75 | 1 | 10 | 65 | .. | ... | 10 | 50 | ... |
| 28 | | Lewellen | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50 | 56 | 100 | ..... | ..... | 275 | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ... |
| 29 | Machetzki, Paul. | Ponca* | Salem | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 85 | 149 | 205 | 10,000 | ..... | 689 | ..... | 1 | 14 | 100 | .. | 20 | 20 | 182 | 21 |
| 30 | | Pawnee | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ... |
| 31 | | Sestorp | Not Org. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ... |
| 32 | Hanson, H. H.. | Potter* | First Eng. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 | 49 | 800 | ..... | 200 | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ... |
| 33 | Melick, M. L.. | Rising* | First | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 5 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | 9 | .. | 5 | 5 | .. | 37 | 70 | 93 | 4,300 | 700 | 660 | 400 | 1 | 8 | 34 | .. | ... | 5 | 56 | ... |
| 34 | | Surprise | Zion | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 15 | 14 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | 5 | 7 | .. | .. | 77 | 89 | 98 | 6,500 | ..... | 865 | 58 | 1 | 16 | 110 | 10 | ... | 16 | 62 | 75 |
| 35 | | Roca | Zion | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 | 48 | 40 | 2,500 | ..... | 194 | ..... | 1 | 6 | 25 | .. | ... | ... | 12 | 10 |
| 36 | | Sidney* | Trinity | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 10 | .... | 2,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ... |
| 37 | Wolfe, H. A..... | Stella | Trinity | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .. | 23 | 56 | 82 | 6,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | ... |
| 38 | Delo, F. S..... | Paxton* | Trinity | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 75 | 95 | 90 | 5,000 | ..... | 850 | ..... | 1 | 12 | 64 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 64 | 10 |
| 39 | | Sutherland | Grace | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47 | 68 | 111 | 4,700 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 7 | 93 | .. | 15 | 15 | ..... | ... |
| 40 | Doering, E. W... | Stamford* | Trinity | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 14 | 8 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 40 | 59 | 2,800 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 3 | 27 | .. | ... | ... | ..... | ... |
| 41 | Enger, J. R.... | Tekamah* | Emmanuel | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 64 | 126 | 207 | 3,000 | ..... | 303 | ..... | 2 | 18 | 99 | .. | ... | ... | 52 | 23 |
| 42 | | | Herman | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24 | 29 | 42 | 3,500 | ..... | 630 | ..... | 1 | 8 | 25 | .. | ... | 10 | 30 | 40 |
| 43 | Powell, L. J..... | West Point* | Grace | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 19 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 3 | 20 | .. | 4 | 260 | 338 | 504 | 30,000 | 3,500 | 1,631 | ..... | 1 | 32 | 238 | 6 | 25 | 43 | 163 | 20 |
| 44 | Blessing, F. E.... | Wayne* | St. Paul's | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 20 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | 16 | .. | 11 | 2 | 9 | 133 | 180 | 220 | 8,500 | ..... | 1,330 | ..... | 1 | 12 | 110 | 10 | 12 | 36 | 75 | 20 |
| 45 | Dorn, George.... | Wilber* | First | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 14 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2 | .. | 37 | 39 | 121 | 3,500 | ..... | 1,100 | 450 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 75 | 15 |

## APPENDIX A—PAROCHIAL REPORT—(Continued.)

| Y. P. Societies. | | | Woman's Miss. Soc. | | | | | | Brotherhoods. | | DUES | | | BENEVOLENCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Index Number. | Number of Societies. | Members. | Contributions For Local Objects. | Contributions For Benevolence. | Number of Societies. | Active Members. | Honorary Members. | Subscriptions to "Woman's Work." | Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects. | Number of Brotherhoods. | Members. | General Synod. | Synodical Treasury. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Church Extension. | Board of Education. | Ministerial Education. | Woman's Missionary Society. | Pastor's Fund. | Orphans' Home. | Deaconess Board. | Home for the Aged. | Tabitha Home. | External Objects. | Total Benevolence. | Grand Total. |
| 23 | 1 | 46 | 40 | .... | 1 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 20 | 7 | 21 | 81 | 42 | 34 | 26 | 33 | 10 | 13 | 7 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 300 | 3239 |
| 24 | 1 | 46 | 12 | 40 | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | 7 | 22 | 50 | 74 | 35 | 27 | 94 | .... | 14 | .... | 14 | 7 | 7 | 829 | 1685 | 3765 |
| 25 | 1 | 18 | 15 | .... | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 158 | .. | .... | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | .... | 9 | .... | 2 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 29 | 671 |
| 26 | 1 | 27 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 37 | .. | 14 | 64 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 25 | 50 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 16 | 5 | .... | .... | 5 | 5 | 2 | 176 | 2326 |
| 27 | 1 | 48 | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | 1 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 64 | 539 |
| 28 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | 1 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 | 326 |
| 29 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 35 | 1 | 91 | 156 | .. | .... | 5 | 15 | 59 | 30 | 24 | 19 | 24 | 60 | 9 | .... | 9 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 268 | 957 |
| 30 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 31 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | 200 |
| 32 | 1 | 37 | 77 | .... | 1 | 24 | 3 | .... | 228 | .. | .... | 2 | 9 | 17 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 7 | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 65 | 1127 |
| 33 | 1 | 27 | 12 | .... | 2 | 51 | 5 | 25 | 289 | .. | .... | 3 | 11 | ..... | 21 | 15 | 13 | 17 | 74 | 7 | 115 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 108 | 446 | 1369 |
| 34 | 1 | 27 | 12 | .... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | 2 | 5 | 19 | 30 | 18 | 8 | 8 | .... | 3 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 131 | 325 |
| 35 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 36 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | 1 | .... | 10 | 5 | 8 | 6 | ..... | .... | 3 | .... | 3 | .... | 1 | 1 | 38 | 38 |
| 37 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | 1 | 12 | .. | 9 | 56 | .. | .... | 4 | 12 | 28 | 24 | 20 | 15 | 19 | .... | 8 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 176 | 1026 |
| 38 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 39 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 40 | 3 | 51 | 19 | 10 | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | 2 | 4 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 4 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | .... | 2 | 6 | 71 | 308 |
| 41 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 8 | .. | 4 | .... | .. | .... | 1 | 4 | 15 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 1 | .... | 9 | 75 | 705 |
| 42 | .. | .... | ..... | ..... | .. | .... | .. | .... | .... | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 43 | 3 | 83 | 83 | 27 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 90 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 40 | 154 | 75 | 65 | 49 | 62 | 65 | 25 | .... | 25 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 608 | 3230 |
| 44 | 1 | 24 | 5 | .... | 1 | 15 | .. | 8 | .... | .. | .... | 6 | 18 | 71 | 36 | 30 | 23 | 19 | .... | 11 | .... | 11 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 251 | 1581 |
| 45 | 1 | 18 | 7 | .... | 1 | 4 | .. | .... | 6 | .. | .... | 2 | 6 | 23 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 94 | 1644 |

## APPENDIX A—PAROCHIAL REPORT—(Continued.)

| PAROCHIAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Index Number. | Number of Communicants. | Number Added on Profession. | Number Added by Certificate. | Number Added by Restoration. | Number Added by Other Means. | Number Removed by Certificate. | Number Removed by Death. | Number Removed by Other Means. | Number of Families. | Number of Pew Holders. | Number of Pews. | Number of Sittings. | Number of Free Sittings. | Value of Church Property. | Value of Parsonage Property. | Amount of Debt. | Interest Paid. | Current Expenses. | Pastor's Salary. | Pastor's Residence. | Total Pastor's Support. | Pastor's Vacation. | Number of Sunday Schools. | Number of Officers and Teachers. | Number of Scholars. | Contributions. | |
| 23 | 300 | 20 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 200 | 150 | 150 | 600 | 100 | 30000 | 5000 | 2000 | 120 | 1000 | 1000 | 300 | 1300 | 50 | 1 | 20 | 200 | 100 | |
| 24 | 250 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 150 | 100 | 100 | 400 | 50 | 20000 | 4000 | 1000 | 60 | 800 | 800 | 200 | 1000 | 50 | 1 | 15 | 150 | 75 | |
| 25 | 100 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 80 | 60 | 60 | 250 | 30 | 10000 | 2000 | 500 | 30 | 500 | 500 | 100 | 600 | 50 | 1 | 10 | 100 | 50 | |
| 26 | 400 | 25 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 800 | 150 | 40000 | 6000 | 3000 | 180 | 1500 | 1200 | 400 | 1600 | 50 | 1 | 25 | 250 | 150 | |
| 27 | 350 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 250 | 180 | 180 | 700 | 120 | 35000 | 5500 | 2500 | 150 | 1200 | 1000 | 300 | 1300 | 50 | 1 | 20 | 200 | 120 | |
| 28 | 200 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 160 | 120 | 120 | 500 | 80 | 25000 | 4000 | 1500 | 90 | 900 | 800 | 200 | 1000 | 50 | 1 | 15 | 150 | 80 | |
| 29 | 450 | 30 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 350 | 250 | 250 | 900 | 200 | 45000 | 7000 | 4000 | 240 | 1800 | 1500 | 500 | 2000 | 50 | 1 | 30 | 300 | 200 | |
| 30 | 150 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 80 | 80 | 300 | 40 | 15000 | 3000 | 800 | 48 | 600 | 600 | 150 | 750 | 50 | 1 | 10 | 100 | 60 | |
| 31 | 500 | 35 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 400 | 300 | 300 | 1000 | 250 | 50000 | 8000 | 5000 | 300 | 2000 | 1800 | 600 | 2400 | 50 | 1 | 35 | 350 | 250 | |
| 32 | 600 | 40 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 500 | 400 | 400 | 1200 | 300 | 60000 | 10000 | 6000 | 360 | 2500 | 2200 | 700 | 2900 | 50 | 1 | 40 | 400 | 300 | |
| 33 | 700 | 45 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 600 | 500 | 500 | 1500 | 400 | 75000 | 12000 | 8000 | 480 | 3000 | 2800 | 800 | 3600 | 50 | 1 | 50 | 500 | 400 | |
| 34 | 800 | 50 | 22 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 700 | 600 | 600 | 1800 | 500 | 90000 | 15000 | 10000 | 600 | 3500 | 3500 | 1000 | 4500 | 50 | 1 | 60 | 600 | 500 | |
| 35 | 900 | 55 | 25 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 800 | 700 | 700 | 2100 | 600 | 100000 | 18000 | 12000 | 720 | 4000 | 4000 | 1200 | 5200 | 50 | 1 | 70 | 700 | 600 | |
| 36 | 1000 | 60 | 28 | 9 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 6 | 900 | 800 | 800 | 2400 | 700 | 110000 | 20000 | 15000 | 900 | 4500 | 4500 | 1500 | 6000 | 50 | 1 | 80 | 800 | 700 | |
| 37 | 1100 | 65 | 30 | 10 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 7 | 1000 | 900 | 900 | 2700 | 800 | 120000 | 22000 | 18000 | 1080 | 5000 | 5000 | 1800 | 6800 | 50 | 1 | 90 | 900 | 800 | |
| 38 | 1200 | 70 | 32 | 11 | 7 | 15 | 13 | 8 | 1100 | 1000 | 1000 | 3000 | 900 | 130000 | 24000 | 20000 | 1200 | 5500 | 5500 | 2000 | 7500 | 50 | 1 | 100 | 1000 | 900 | |
| 39 | 1300 | 75 | 35 | 12 | 8 | 16 | 14 | 9 | 1200 | 1100 | 1100 | 3300 | 1000 | 140000 | 26000 | 22000 | 1320 | 6000 | 6000 | 2200 | 8200 | 50 | 1 | 110 | 1100 | 1000 | |
| 40 | 1400 | 80 | 38 | 13 | 9 | 17 | 15 | 10 | 1300 | 1200 | 1200 | 3600 | 1100 | 150000 | 28000 | 24000 | 1440 | 6500 | 6500 | 2400 | 8900 | 50 | 1 | 120 | 1200 | 1100 | |
| 41 | 1500 | 85 | 40 | 14 | 10 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 1400 | 1300 | 1300 | 3900 | 1200 | 160000 | 30000 | 26000 | 1560 | 7000 | 7000 | 2600 | 9600 | 50 | 1 | 130 | 1300 | 1200 | |
| 42 | 1600 | 90 | 42 | 15 | 11 | 19 | 17 | 12 | 1500 | 1400 | 1400 | 4200 | 1300 | 170000 | 32000 | 28000 | 1680 | 7500 | 7500 | 2800 | 10300 | 50 | 1 | 140 | 1400 | 1300 | |
| 43 | 1700 | 95 | 45 | 16 | 12 | 20 | 18 | 13 | 1600 | 1500 | 1500 | 4500 | 1400 | 180000 | 34000 | 30000 | 1800 | 8000 | 8000 | 3000 | 11000 | 50 | 1 | 150 | 1500 | 1400 | |
| 44 | 1800 | 100 | 48 | 17 | 13 | 21 | 19 | 14 | 1700 | 1600 | 1600 | 4800 | 1500 | 190000 | 36000 | 32000 | 1920 | 8500 | 8500 | 3200 | 11700 | 50 | 1 | 160 | 1600 | 1500 | |
| 45 | 1900 | 105 | 50 | 18 | 14 | 22 | 20 | 15 | 1800 | 1700 | 1700 | 5100 | 1600 | 200000 | 38000 | 34000 | 2040 | 9000 | 9000 | 3400 | 12400 | 50 | 1 | 170 | 1700 | 1600 | |

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| Index Number. | Pastors. | Pastorates. | Churches. | PAROCHIAL. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Churches. | Stations. | Prayer Meetings. | Students for the Ministry. | Catechumens. | Subscriptions to "Church Work." | Losses. | | | Accessions. | | | | | Membership. | | | Finances. | | | | Number of Schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Teacher-Training Students | Members of Home Dept. | Members of Cradle Roll. | Contributions. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Death. | Certificate. | Other Losses. | Infant Baptisms. | Adult Baptisms. | Confirmations. | Certificate. | Restoration. | Communicant. | Confirmed. | Baptized. | Estimated Value of Church Property. | Indebtedness. | Regular Local Expenses. | Unusual Local Expenses. | | | | | | | For Support of School and Local Objects. | For Benevolence. |
| 46 | White, R. A.... | Wolbach..... | Trinity..... | 1 | .. | 2 | 2 | 31 | 1 | .. | .. | 8 | 8 | 5 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 105 | 134 | 160 | 4,000 | ..... | 472 | 470 | 1 | 11 | 85 | 8 | 8 | 17 | 41 | 2 |
| 47 | | Ericson..... | First..... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 | 23 | 24 | 1,200 | 150 | 114 | ..... | 1 | 6 | 14 | 4 | .. | .. | 7 | .. |
| 48 | Fleck, E. L.‖.... | Waverly*..... | Trinity..... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 22 | .... | .... | 3,500 | ..... | 250 | 90 | 1 | 10 | 40 | .. | .. | 15 | 35 | .. |
| 49 | | Yutan..... | Zion..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 12 | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 50 | Sparks, C. E.... | York*..... | First..... | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 7 | 69 | 96 | 125 | 5,000 | 1,000 | 798 | 320 | 1 | 9 | 70 | .. | .. | 20 | 45 | 1 |
| 51 | Weimermark, H. | Oakland..... | St. Paul's.... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 9 | .. | .. | 24 | 3 | 22 | 27 | 47 | 5,000 | 2,000 | 125 | 1500 | 1 | 7 | 47 | .. | .. | 7 | 21 | 8 |
| 52 | ..... | ..... | Grace..... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 | 23 | 33 | 2,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 53 | Keller, S. L..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 54 | Kahse, N. T..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 55 | Eyster, W. T..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 56 | Kuhns, L. M..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 57 | Pfeiffer, E..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 58 | Augustine, T. W. | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 59 | Ludwig, A. T..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 60 | Foulk, D. Z..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 61 | Gettle, W. G..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 62 | Bollman, E..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 63 | Klatt, G..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1914 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 49 | 3 | 27 | 8 | 836 | 211 | 32 | 82 | 291 | 431 | 169 | 476 | 157 | 246 | 3,376 | 6,564 | 8,595 | $517,815 | $28,625 | $46,327 | $25,118 | 42 | 577 | 3106 | 76 | 181 | 570 | $ 4802 | 7 |
| 1915 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 49 | 6 | 33 | 7 | 635 | 225 | 44 | 81 | 300 | 384 | 161 | 373 | 157 | 156 | 4,537 | 6,958 | 9,286 | 518,800 | 60,173 | 49,761 | 5,300 | 44 | 607 | 5429 | 78 | 287 | 675 | 4753 | 8 |
| Increase | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | 3 | 6 | .. | .... | 14 | .. | .. | 9 | .. | .. | .... | .. | .. | 1,161 | 394 | 691 | 985 | 31,548 | 3,43 | ..... | 2 | 30 | 2323 | 2 | 106 | 105 | ..... | |
| Decrease | ..... | ..... | ..... | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 201 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 47 | 8 | 103 | .. | 90 | .... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19,818 | .. | .. | .... | .. | .. | .. | 49 | |

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| Index Number. | Y. P. Societies. Number of Societies. | Members. | Woman's Miss. Soc. Contributions. For Local Objects. | For Benevolence. | Number of Societies. | Active Members. | Honorary Members. | Subscriptions to "Woman's Work." | Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects. | Brotherhoods. Number of Brotherhoods. | Members. | DUES General Synod. | Synodical Treasury. | BENEVOLENCE Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Church Extension. | Board of Education. | Ministerial Education. | Woman's Missionary Society. | Pastor's Fund. | Orphans' Home. | Deaconess Board. | Home for the Aged. | Tabitha Home. | External Objects. | Total Benevolence. | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 2 | 22 | 6 | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | 4 | 14 | 55 | 28 | 23 | 18 | 22 | .... | 9 | .... | 9 | 4 | 4 | ..... | 194 | 1136 |
| 47 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | ..... | .... | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | ..... | 21 | 135 |
| 48 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 40 | 415 |
| 49 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | 1 | 2 | 7 | ..... | .... | 2 | ..... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 13 | 13 |
| 50 | 1 | 16 | 35 | .... | .. | ... | .. | 9 | .... | 1 | 22 | 3 | 8 | 32 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 13 | .... | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 128 | 1246 |
| 51 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | 8 | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 8 | 1633 |
| 52 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | .... | 12 | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 12 | 12 |
| 53 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | 3 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| 54 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | .... | 10 | 5 | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 15 | 30 | 30 |
| 55 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 56 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 57 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 58 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 59 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 60 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 61 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 62 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| 63 | .. | .... | ..... | .... | .. | ... | .. | ... | .... | .. | ... | .... | 2 | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | ..... | 2 | 2 |
| .. | 26 | 1013 | $ 265 | $126 | 30 | 338 | 20 | 228 | $776 | 6 | 173 | $181 | $695 | $2008 | $1189 | $943 | $698 | $1118 | $707 | $345 | $140 | $322 | $173 | $215 | $1111 | $9901 | $81433 |
| .. | 32 | 1196 | 1088 | 203 | 37 | 548 | 35 | 335 | 2717 | 6 | 157 | 196 | 653 | 914 | 1091 | 902 | 712 | 962 | 600 | 350 | 226 | 331 | 175 | 247 | 2203 | 10352 | 68808 |
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## APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S EXHIBIT FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR

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| | General Synod | Synodical Treasury | Synodical Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Church Extension | Board of Education | Ministerial Education | Pastor's Fund | Deaconess Board | Home for Aged | Tabitha Home | Seminary Contingent Fund | External Objects | Totals | Excesses | Deficits on Apportionment |
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| Allen | $ 4 | $10 | $19 | $ 28 | $ 24 | $19 15 | 15 | 19 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 170 15 | 6 15 | 2 |
| Auburn | 4 50 | ..... | 20 70 | 29 70 | ..... | 20 70 | ..... | 20 70 | ..... | ..... | 4 50 | 4 50 | 6 | ..... | 105 30 | ..... | 94 70 |
| Beatrice | 7 | 22 | 35 | 52 | 45 | 36 | 28 | 35 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | ..... | ..... | 308 | ..... | ..... |
| Benedict, Bethel | 2 | 7 | 12 | 17 | 55 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | ..... | 87 55 | ..... | 14 45 |
| Benedict, Zion | 3 | 9 | 15 | 21 | 19 | 15 | 12 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 7 16 | 2 | ..... | 137 16 | 8 16 | ..... |
| Benson | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 35 | ..... | 5 20 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 55 | ..... | 161 45 |
| Bruning | 9 | 42 | 15 04 | 35 | 18 04 | 15 | 20 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 15 | 201 23 | 32 23 | ..... |
| Dakota, Emman | 1 | 2 | 4 92 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 40 92 | ..... | 2 08 |
| Dakota, Salem | ..... | ..... | 27 54 | 30 | ..... | ..... | 16 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | 77 54 | ..... | 108 |
| Davenport | 5 | 14 | 23 | 33 | 29 | 19 | 18 | 23 | 8 | 2 | ..... | 5 | ..... | 17 24 | 196 24 | ..... | 21 |
| Emerson | 2 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 40 | 10 71 | 105 11 | 17 11 | ..... |
| Ericson | 1 | 3 | 1 25 | 4 | 3 75 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 27 | ..... | 16 |
| Falls City | 3 | 11 | 17 | 25 | ..... | 18 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10 | ..... | 15 | 99 | ..... | 70 |
| Grand Island | 8 | 26 | ..... | 9 67 | ..... | 20 | ..... | ..... | 16 | 16 | 8 | 8 | ..... | ..... | 111 67 | ..... | 240 33 |
| Hardy | 5 | 15 | 24 | 35 | 30 | 25 | 19 | 24 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 8 41 | 219 41 | 8 41 | ..... |
| Hardy, Jewell | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ..... | 58 | ..... | ..... |
| Homer | 2 | 7 | 10 | 14 13 | 9 | 7 | 8 78 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 50 | ..... | 3 50 | 74 91 | ..... | 23 59 |
| Hubbard | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | ..... | 3 | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 22 | ..... | 51 |
| Lewellen | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 45 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 45 | ..... | 129 55 |
| Lincoln | 8 | 24 | 38 | 56 | 51 | 39 | 39 | 38 | 15 | 17 | 8 | 10 59 | 6 | 10 | 350 59 | 17 59 | ..... |
| McCool Jct | 4 | 12 | 6 33 | 28 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | ..... | 156 33 | ..... | 12 67 |
| Nebraska City | ..... | 3 85 | 22 | 32 | 3 76 | ..... | ..... | 3 45 | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 06 | ..... | 119 94 |
| North Platte | 9 | 29 | 45 | 67 | 58 | 47 | 36 | 45 | 18 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 72 | 469 | 72 | ..... |
| Omaha, Grace | 7 | 21 | 33 | 48 | 42 | 34 | 26 | 33 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 296 | 7 | ..... |
| Omaha, K. M | 43 | 136 | 213 | 315 | 294 92 | 246 | 170 | 213 | 85 | 85 | 43 | 68 | 34 | 50 | 1995 92 | ..... | ..... |
| Omaha, St. Mk | 7 | 22 | 34 | 50 | 74 | 35 | 27 | 34 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 60 | 395 | 95 | ..... |
| Omaha, St. Matt | 1 | 2 | ..... | 4 40 | 5 | 3 | 2 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | 20 40 | ..... | 112 60 |
| Oshkosh | ..... | ..... | 2 40 | 11 02 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 13 42 | ..... | 90 58 |
| Pawnee Zion | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 10 | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 10 | ..... | 20 90 |
| Paxton | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 25 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 53 25 | ..... | 49 75 |
| Ponca | 5 | 15 | 24 | 35 | 30 | 24 28 | 19 | 24 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 4 | ..... | 208 28 | 28 | ..... |
| Potter | 2 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | ..... | 69 | 4 | ..... |
| Rising City | 3 | 11 | 17 | 26 | 21 | 17 | 13 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | ..... | 148 | 2 | ..... |

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| | General Synod | Synodical Treasury | Synodical Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Church Extension | Board of Education | Ministerial Etiquation | Pastor's Fund | Deaconess Board | Home for Aged | Tabitha Home | Seminary Contingent Fund | External Objects | Totals | Excesses | Deficits on Appertionment |
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| Roca | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | | 24 |
| Sidney | 1 | | | 10 18 | 5 | 8 12 | 6 | | 3 | 3 | | | | | 38 30 | | 86 70 |
| South Omaha | 8 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 5 | | 5 | 5 | 2 | | 160 | | 183 |
| South Sioux | | | 5 62 | 7 35 | | | | | | | | | | | 12 97 | | 25 |
| Stamford | 2 | 4 | 12 09 | 8 | 10 35 | 6 42 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | 65 86 | | 135 14 |
| Stella | 4 | 12 | 19 | 28 | 24 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 9 23 | 182 23 | 14 23 | |
| Surprise | 2 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 20 | 18 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 30 | 121 | 52 | |
| Sutherland | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 4 50 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 30 50 | | 13 50 |
| Tekamah, Inman | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 7 56 | 67 56 | 15 56 | |
| Tekamah, Grace | | | | 11 80 | | | | | | | | | | | 11 80 | | 44 20 |
| Waverly | 1 | | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 40 | | 3 |
| Wayne | 6 | 18 | 17 37 | 42 | 36 | 30 | 28 | 35 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 5 | | 251 37 | | 11 63 |
| West Point | 12 | 40 | 62 | 92 | 80 | 65 | 49 | 62 | 25 | 25 | 12 | 12 | 10 | | 546 | | |
| Wilber | 2 15 | 5 92 | 11 50 | 15 92 | 11 84 | 9 67 | 8 65 | 9 25 | 3 70 | 3 70 | 1 85 | 2 15 | 1 42 | | 87 67 | | 16 33 |
| Wolbach | 4 | 14 | 22 | 33 | 28 | 23 | 18 | 22 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | 194 | | |
| York | 3 | 8 | 13 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 120 | 3 | 4 |
| Yutan | 1 | 2 | 2 85 | 4 | | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | 12 85 | | 14 15 |
| Synod at Allen | | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | | 1 53 | | | | | | | | 17 53 | | |
| Tabitha Home | | | | 2 | 3 | | 4 | | | | | | | 1 | 9 | | |
| Rev. S. L. Keller | | 2 | | | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | | 15 | 7 | | |
| Rev. W. T. Kahse | | | 3 | 7 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 30 | | |
| Rev. W. F. Eyster | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Rev. M. Kuhns | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Rev. E. Pfeiffer | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Rev. J. N. Augustine | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Rev. A. T. Ludwig | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Rev. D. Z. Foulk | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Rev. W. G. Gettle | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Rev. F. Bollman | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Oakland, St. Paul's | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 8 | | |
| Rev. G. Klatt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Totals | 198 65 | 648 77 | 916 61 | 1411 22 | 1115 81 | 940 49 | 704 96 | 828 40 | 350 70 | 332 70 | 172 35 | 242 10 | 132 83 | 346 80 | 8343 18 | 354 72 | 1901 24 |
| Deficits | 4 35 | 51 23 | | | | | | 34 60 | | 8 30 | | | 6 17 | | | | |
| Excesses | | | 53 61 | 150 22 | 20 81 | 54 49 | 24 96 | | 5 70 | | 2 65 | 67 90 | | | | | |

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

| | No. of Members | General Synod. | Synodical Treasury. | Synodical Missions. | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Church Extension. | Board of Education. | Ministerial Education. | Pastor's Fund. | Deaconess' Board. | Home for the Aged. | Tabitha Home. | Seminary Contingent. | Totals. |
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| Per Member | | 7c | 16c | 25c | 40c | 32c | 26c | 20 | 25c | 10c | 10c | 5c | 5c | 4c | $2.25 |
| Allen | 85 | 6 | 14 | 21 | 34 | 27 | 22 | 17 | 21 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 191 |
| Auburn | 90 | 6 | 14 | 23 | 36 | 29 | 23 | 18 | 22 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 202 |
| Beatrice | 149 | 10 | 24 | 37 | 60 | 48 | 39 | 30 | 37 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 335 |
| Benedict, Bethel | 34 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 76 |
| Benedict, Zion | 77 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 32 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 173 |
| Benson | 50 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 20 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 114 |
| Bruning | 82 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 33 | 26 | 21 | 16 | 21 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 184 |
| Dakota, Salem | 80 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 32 | 26 | 20 | 16 | 20 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 180 |
| Dakota, Imman | 14 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 31 |
| Davenport | 90 | 6 | 14 | 22 | 36 | 29 | 23 | 18 | 23 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 202 |
| Emerson | 48 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 108 |
| Ericson | 19 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 43 |
| Falls City | 102 | 7 | 16 | 26 | 41 | 33 | 27 | 20 | 25 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 229 |
| Grand Island | 165 | 12 | 27 | 41 | 66 | 53 | 43 | 33 | 41 | 16 | 17 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 372 |
| Hardy, St. Paul | 90 | 6 | 14 | 23 | 36 | 29 | 23 | 18 | 22 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 202 |
| Hardy, Jewell | 25 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 56 |
| Homer | 28 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 63 |
| Hubbard | 20 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 45 |
| Lewellen | 50 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 112 |
| Lincoln | 171 | 12 | 27 | 43 | 68 | 55 | 44 | 34 | 43 | 17 | 17 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 385 |
| McCool | 77 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 32 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 173 |
| Nebraska City | 86 | 6 | 14 | 21 | 34 | 27 | 22 | 18 | 22 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 193 |
| North Platte | 180 | 12 | 29 | 45 | 72 | 58 | 47 | 36 | 45 | 18 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 405 |
| Oakland | 22 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 |
| Oakland, Grace | 21 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 |
| Omaha, Grace | 145 | 10 | 23 | 36 | 58 | 46 | 38 | 29 | 36 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 327 |
| Omaha, Kountze Mem. | 1050 | 74 | 168 | 262 | 420 | 336 | 273 | 210 | 236 | 105 | 105 | 52 | 53 | 42 | 2336 |
| Omaha, St. Luke's | 164 | 11 | 26 | 41 | 66 | 52 | 43 | 33 | 41 | 16 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 368 |
| Omaha, St. Mark's | 128 | 9 | 20 | 32 | 51 | 41 | 33 | 26 | 32 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 288 |
| Omaha, St. Matt | 36 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 81 |
| Oshkosh | 40 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 90 |
| Paxton | 47 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 19 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 106 |
| Ponca | 85 | 6 | 14 | 21 | 35 | 27 | 22 | 17 | 21 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 191 |
| Potter | 37 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 84 |
| Rising City | 77 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 32 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 19 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 173 |
| Roca | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 |
| Sidney | 23 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 |
| Southerland | 20 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 45 |
| Stamford | 64 | 4 | 10 | 16 | 26 | 21 | 17 | 13 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 144 |
| Stella | 75 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 30 | 24 | 19 | 15 | 19 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 169 |
| Surprise | 19 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 43 |
| Tekamah | 24 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 54 |
| West Point | 260 | 18 | 42 | 65 | 104 | 83 | 68 | 52 | 65 | 26 | 26 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 585 |
| Wayne | 133 | 9 | 21 | 33 | 53 | 43 | 34 | 27 | 33 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 299 |
| Wilber | 37 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 84 |
| Wolbach | 105 | 7 | 17 | 26 | 42 | 34 | 27 | 21 | 26 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 236 |
| Waverly | 22 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 48 |
| York | 69 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 28 | 21 | 20 | 14 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 156 |
| Yutan | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 27 |
| Totals | 4537 | 315 | 723 | 1127 | 1822 | 1453 | 1181 | 906 | 1107 | 452 | 456 | 228 | 223 | 187 | 10180 |

# PROCEEDINGS

of the

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

# Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

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HELD IN GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH,

LINCOLN, NEBR., OCTOBER 5-8, 1915.

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**Place of Next Convention**
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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

# Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

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The thirty-fifth annual convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska opened Tuesday evening, October 5, 1915, in Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, Rev. R. M. Badger, pastor.

Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet of Omaha, presided at the opening service. Rev. Badger conducted the liturgical service. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger of Dakota City, and the convention prayer was offered by Mrs. R. M. Badger. In a short address Mrs. A. J. Albright of Lincoln, extended a welcome to the convention delegates, and Mrs. A. D. Duncan of Davenport, responded in a feeling manner for the delegates.

The president, Mrs. S. H. Yerian of Omaha, gave an interesting address. Her subject was the convention theme, "Faithfulness," on account of lack of space, only a few excerpts of which follow:

Dear Members and Friends of the Nebraska Synodical Society: Another year of service for the Master has rapidly passed, and through His kind providence we are permitted to gather in this, our thirty-fifth Annual Convention. To gather thus, year after year, is not only a pleasure, but a mutual benefit as well; for there is interchange of thought, new plans and methods of work formulated, courage is revived, and enthusiasm aroused for the work yet before us.

As I look into your faces tonight, I see many which have grown familiar by frequent association—some which have borne the burden and heat of the day in our synodical work, and we thank God for your lives and your influence, and pray that you may long be spared to us, and yet see the time for which you have been working and praying so long—an active, consecrated Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation in our Synod.

It was the privilege of your president to attend both conferences, being present at the North Platte Conference at Emerson, on Wednesday, April 14th, and at the South Platte Conference at Falls City, on Thursday, April 15th. Both congregations are thoroughly missionary, the former having one of the largest and most efficient Sunday Schools in our Synod. A Young Peoples' Missionary Society has recently been organized. The Falls City congregation is only a little more than a year old; but also has a most promising future. It also has a large Sunday School and a society of women who are gradually working upward to a degree of efficiency when they become auxiliary to our society.

It has also been my privilege to visit a number of our auxiliaries and find our women progressive and well-informed.

We most heartily welcome the new societies which have been organized during the year, as follows: A Mission Band at St. Paul's Church, Homer; Young Peoples' societies at St. Lukes' Church, Omaha; St. Luke's church, Emerson; Grace Church, Omaha; Grace Church, West Point, and Christ Church, Davenport; and Womens' societies at Tekamah, Wayne, Hooper, Bruning and Benson.

The following goals for the biennium were adopted at the Omaha Convention; let us make their attainment the constant aim of both auxiliaries and individual members. We must begin right now, if we shall succeed. Our success will require the hearty co-operation of every woman:

1. Min'mum Monthly Dues, an average of ten cents per member from all Woman's Societies.
2. For the regular work, $135.000.
3. Fortieth Anniversary Fund—at least $40,000 by 1919.
4. Lutheran Woman's Work—at least 20,000 subscriptions.
5. Lutheran Boys and Girls in every Mission Band, Sunday School and home having children.

6. In organization—A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation of the General Synod by 1919.

Let us first of all be faithful in the support of our General Fund, which is used for supporting schools, hospitals and evangelistic work; paying salaries of missionaries, home and foreign, meeting all expenses of our regular work—the Thankoffering, the Christmas offering and Life Membership, all aiding this fund.

We would recommend that wherever possible societies inaugurate a Permanent Life Membership Fund. "Here occasional gifts may be deposited by those interested, and when the amount reaches ten dollars, some member or friend be presented with a life certificate."

We would invite your attention also to the Fortieth Anniversary Fund.

We are glad that a number of our auxiliaries have already installed a chest for the gathering of this free will offering, in memory of these forty years of splendid organized service. We urge the co-operation of all.

Now a word as to our magazine. Our strenuous campaign of last spring resulted in a total of 267 subscriptions, and this number compared very favorably with the other synodical societies, according to our membership; but let us not be content with this. We must look carefully to renewals. Mrs. Krechting says: "Let us be so enthusiastic and thorough in this work of education and edification through the magazine that we shall hold every subscriber." With the increasing number of auxiliaries, let us reach the 300 mark soon.

We would also plead for Lutheran Boys and Girls for our Bands, Sunday Schools and homes.

Let us now turn our attention to the last named and most important of all the goals—a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society in every congregation of the General Synod.

This seems a great undertaking; but we women of Nebraska are only responsible for organization in our own synod. Truly we shall do our part! We have been trying, and results show it; but let us now, with renewed efforts, with a zeal which knows no pause, no rest, again put our shoulders to the wheel. We have, according to the 1914 Parochial Report, fifty congregations in our synod. Counting the new societies of this year, we have at present, only twenty-one Woman's Societies, ten Young Peoples' Societies, and eight Mission Bands, a total of thirty-nine. Twenty-four of our congregations are without any missionary organization.

Our attempts for representation at Conferences have thus far not come up to our expectations. The original plan was, as we understand it, that those workers nearest the place of meeting of conference were to take part in the service, and to

endeavor to organize where no society exists. We have always believed that there is inspiration in numbers, and fail to see how our work can be represented by only one person from our synodical society attending. We trust that this convention will devise some means to alter this. Let us actually make these conference programs mean something, or let us not have them at all.

We would suggest having our Executive meeting held at one of the Conferences next spring, and since the money of our Silver Anniversary is to be used for the organization of new societies in our synod, we would further urge that some representative person from our society enter into correspondence with all such places where organizations are needed, whether it be Woman's, Young Peoples' or Childrens', and that this correspondence be thoroughly followed up by visitation at such places where there is a shadow of a possibility that organization can be effected; and then not simply make a flying visit, but remaining long enough and putting force in such visitation that foundations for usefulness and stability are well laid. This will be time and money well spent.

I would ask the pastors of our Nebraska Synod: "How can you afford not to have a Missionary Society in your congregation?" Along with the true missionary spirit come so many other good things that none can afford to do without it.

We may, at this point, well repeat the thought of the President of the General Synod, that a missionary society is of such vital importance that a pastor not having such an organization in his church, should be brought before synod, and questioned as to his reason for neglecting the greatest stimulus for efficient church work. "Possibly we have listened to Martha's complaint when she was cumbered about much 'serving' and asked the Master to speak to Mary that she might assist in the household duties, and have compelled the Marys to give dinners and suppers and fairs, until she has lost the habit of sitting at Jesus' feet, and learning the sweet lesson of loving contemplation and faith-filled prayer. We need to note that the Master gently chided Martha, and completely justified Mary."

If you can only have one organization, by all means have a missionary society and feel its leavening power in your church and your community! A woman that from year to year imbibes the spirit of the lessons assigned by the General Committee, studying concerning the heathen, and that God loves all; that Christ died for all, and that in Him there is grace for all, cannot help but see and feel the need of Christ in the hearts of the people in every community, and accordingly the spirit will impel her to work actively in bringing people

into the church. The missionary society affords such a splendid opportunity for the love of God to grow in the heart, that before we are aware of it, we are actively engaged in the various departments of His work.

Young or missionary congregations sometimes raise the objection agains this noble organization that inasmuch as they, themselves, are in debt, and the money so greatly needed at home, it is inconsistent that they gather even a few dollars to send away, simply to make themselves that much poorer.

In a way this may seem to be consistent human logic; but the working of it is not as the logic would indicate. Instead of making the home congregation poorer, it enriches it. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The reason that frequently the church treasury is in such desperate straits, is not on account of the poverty of its members; but lack of the actual knowledge of the needs, and of the true spirit of consecration that the missionary society aims to impart.

In closing, I want to repeat my thought for the enlargement of the work. It has at times seemed that the missionary society has had simply the good will of too many people, without definite effort in its behalf. We would almost say that a missionary society in a church is just as essential as even a church council; but sometimes it is true that we have pastors who are not at all solicitous for this organization whose business it is to diffuse church intelligence in practically all lines.

We would ask every pastor to give us a larger interest than general good-will, and especially do we think it is of the utmost importance that in the organization of new congregations that the missionary society be placed where it rightfully belongs—among the first and not added in a half-heartedly way, after other organizations have been placed in the congregation and thus reaping the first vitality.

In this, the placing of the proper organizations first, we believe that the synodical missionary and possibly the president of synod can be of invaluable assistance.

Let us, one and all, during the coming year, work as if everything depended upon us, and let us pray as if everything depended upon God. If this is done, then the enthusiasm of this convention will not subside, as we part, but will be carried to the uttermost parts of our work. It will also mean a larger and more spiritual convention a year hence, and undoubtedly it will mean not only the strengthening of every department of the work now in operation, but the adding of new Woman's Societies—I believe I am not too strong in saying, in every congregation where there is no society at present; and it must also mean the adding of many Young Peoples' Societies, Mission Bands and Cradle Rolls.

I speak thus confidently because the promise in His Word is to answer the prayer of His faithful ones; but prayers of faith are always connected with work on our part; therefore I repeat, "Let us work as though everything depended on us, and let us pray as if everything depended on God."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. H. YERIAN.

Delightful music was furnished by Mrs. George Nelson and Miss Miriam Little, both of Lincoln.

Fraternal greetings from Nebraska Synod were extended by Rev. Lowe, Ph. D., of McCool.

An offering of $5.17 was received, after which the meeting adjourned with the closing service.

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## FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday, October 6, 9 a. m.

Devotional conducted, by means of a letter from Miss Matie Martin, by Miss Maude Martin. The president, Mrs. Yerian, then declared the convention open for the transaction of business.

### ENROLLMENT OF THE DELEGATES.

**Delegates.**

Allen—Mrs. Warner.
Beatrice—Mrs. Stroh, Mrs. Peters.
Benson—Mrs. Nelson.
Bruning—Mrs. Weissmiller.
Dakota—Mrs. Neiswanger.
Davenport—Mrs. Bollinger, Mrs. Duncan.
Hardy—Mrs. Henderson.
Hooper—Mrs. Cushman.
Lincoln—Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Fredericks.
North Platte—Mrs. Frederickson.
Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Mrs. Koch.
Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. Yerian.
Rising City—Mrs. Curry.
Roca—Miss Maude Martin.
Stella—Mrs. McMullen.
Wayne—Mrs. Erickson.
West Point—Mrs. Powell.
Yutan—Miss Bender.

### Young Peoples' Societies.

Emerson—Mrs. Lewis.
Omaha, Grace Lutheran—Miss Rensch.
Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Pax Vobiscum and Young Ladies' Society—Mrs. VanFleet.

### Advisory Members.

Mrs. Swihart, Mrs. McThiesan, Mrs. Reitzell and Mrs. Bollman.

### Life Members.

Mrs. Mostert, Mrs. Neiswanger and Elizabeth, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Van Fleet and Miss Bender.

### Officers Present, Not Delegates.

Miss Johnson, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Mostert, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Heckt, Mrs. Richard.

### Visitors.

Rev. Livers, Rev. Powell, Rev. Kahse, Rev. Richard, Rev. Lewis, Rev. Badger, Rev. Reitz, Rev. Johnson, Mr. Jesse Fair, Rev. Melick, Rev. Harman, Dr. Lowe, Dr. Groh, Mr. Neiswanger, Rev. Weissmiller, Rev. Yerian, Dr. Peery, Rev. Bollman, Rev. Leonard and Rev. Bollinger, Mesdames Osborne, Humpe, Bollman, Hartzell, Mrs. G. Nelson, Mrs. Maidel, Mrs. Claflin, Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Kirshstein, Mrs. Prestagard, Mrs. Seng, Mrs. Kaliff and Misses Fleck, Gleichert, Humpe, Seng, Petring.

The minutes of the two Executive committee meetings were read and approved.

The following appointments were made: Reports to papers—Lutheran Woman's Work, Mrs. Badger; Lutheran Church Work, Mrs. Van Fleet; Lutheran Observer, Miss Bender.

### COMMITTEES.

Preident's address—Miss Maude Martin, Mrs. Heckt.
Corresponding secretary's report—Mrs. Bollinger, Mrs. Powell.
Letters and papers—Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Warner.
Claims—Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Duncan.
Auditing—Mrs. Van Fleet, Miss Bender.

Historian's report—Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Stroh.
Resolutions—Mrs. Neiswanger, Mrs. Mostert.
Report of Department Secretaries—Home Department, Young Peoples', Mission Band, Thank-offering, Magazine, Annuity—Mrs. Frederickson, Mrs. Dean.
Report of delegate to General Convention—Mrs. Melick, Fredericks.
Last year's minutes—Miss Bender, Miss Rensch.
Literature and Box Work—Miss Johnson, Mrs. Peters.
Conference reports—Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Warner.

Telegram from Mrs. Baltzly, president of General Society, read. Corresponding secretary's report read and referred to proper committee.

Treasurer's report read, and referred to proper committee.

Historian's report read and referred to committee.

## HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

We are here at this time to review the work of another year, "to rejoice in every good thing which the Lord our God has done for us," and get such inspiration and enthusiasm from our reports as will kindle new zeal in our auxiliary societies and help us accomplish greater things for the Master in the years to come.

Last spring it was our privilege to entertain that large body of mission women, the General Convention in the progressive and wide awake city of Omaha.

It was indeed inspiring to hear of the progress made in every department of our work. Every synodical society was represented at this gathering.

The vision was broadened and the interest deepened of every one whose privilege it was to be present. It is hoped that all auxiliary members have carefully studied the convention number of the Lutheran Woman's Work and caught glimpses of inspiration from the printed page.

We learned also that only 20 per cent of the women of our church are in any way connected with the missionary societies. Let us work to make this per cent higher.

Mrs. O. D. Baltzly was made a life member by the Kountze Memorial society at the General Convention. She was also elected president of that large body.

| Women's Societies | Organized | Quarters Reported | Presidents | Corresponding Secretaries | Total, not including Life, Home & Mem. Dep | Active | Honorary | Cradle Roll | Home Dept. | Life | Memorial | Time of Meeting | Lutheran Women's Work | Lutheran Boys and Girls | Value of Boxes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen | 1913 | 2 | Mrs. G. W. Livers | Mrs. D. L. Wooley | 18 | 18 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Last Tues. | 11 | 24 | .... |
| Beatrice | 1892 | 1234 | Mrs. A. M. Reitzel | Mrs. J. C. Stroh, 906 Ella St. | 55 | 13 | .. | 42 | 9 | 2 | .. | 2nd Friday | 18 | .... | .... |
| Dakota City | 1891 | 12 4 | Mrs. George Niebuhr | Mrs. Ada Sherman | 10 | 8 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 1st Thurs. | 3 | .... | .... |
| Davenport | 1907 | 1234 | Mrs. A. D. Duncan | Miss Lenora Bohner | 7 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 2nd Thurs. | 5 | 1 | 12 |
| Hardy | 1913 | 234 | Mrs. Jas. Hale | Mrs. J. H. Richard | 15 | 14 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 2nd Friday | 10 | .... | .... |
| Lincoln | 1890 | 1234 | Mrs. J. H. Humpe | Mrs. Gus Presdegaard, 1345 E. St. | 18 | 16 | 2 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 1st Wednes | 16 | 60 | .... |
| North Platte | 1904 | 1234 | Mrs. F. C. Jackson | Mrs. C. B. Harman | 19 | 18 | 1 | .. | 7 | 4 | .. | Lst. Friday | 33 | 30 | .... |
| Omaha, Kountze Memorial | 1886 | 1234 | Mrs. Allen Koch | Mrs. F. S. Emmons, 4226 Farnam | 49 | 48 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | 1 | 1st Friday | 50 | .... | .... |
| Omaha, St. Matthews | 1910 | 2 4 | Mrs. Laura B. Snyder | Mrs. Silvia S. Stough, 1706 Deer Park Bv. | 8 | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2nd Thurs. | 1 | 55 | .... |
| Ponca | 1880 | 1234 | Mrs. W. W. Mikesell | Mrs. W. H. Sears | 35 | 35 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1st Friday | 17 | .... | .... |
| Roca | 1892 | 2 | Miss Matie Martin | Miss Maude Martin, Hickman | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | ..... | 1 | .... | .... |
| Rising City | 1904 | 1234 | Mrs. Geo. Miller | Mrs. M. L. Melick | 35 | 31 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1st Wednes | 25 | 30 | .... |
| Tekamah | 1881 | 4 | Mrs. M. D. Willert | Mrs. Elsie Scherer | 8 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1st Thurs. | .... | .... | .... |
| West Point | 1904 | 1234 | Mrs. A. L. Krause | Mrs. E. J. DeBell | 14 | 13 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1st Wednes | 18 | .... | .... |
| Stella | 1912 | 1234 | Mrs. H. A. Wolfe | Miss Maude Montgomery, Humboldt | 12 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2nd Thurs. | 9 | 16 | .... |
| South Omaha | 1913 | 1234 | Mrs. Harry Wilson | Mrs. E. P. Wallace, 2138 S., 35 Ave., Omaha | 15 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3rd Wednes | 12 | .... | .... |
| Yutan | 1883 | .... | ..... | Mrs. O. F. Peters | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | ..... | 2 | .... | .... |
| *Wayne | 1915 | .... | Mrs. Olga Erickson | Mrs. F. E. Blessing | 14 | 13 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | 6 | 24 | .... |
| *Benson | 1915 | .... | Mrs. C. W. Nelson, 2322 N. 57 Ave | Mrs. J. M. Lauritsen, 2416 59th St. | 9 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | .... | .... | .... |
| *Bruning | 1915 | .... | Mrs. Harvey Keim | Mrs. Roger Parnell | 10 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | 6 | .... | .... |
| *Hooper | 1915 | .... | Mrs. C. J. Cushman | ..... | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | 5 | .... | .... |
| ‖York | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | 9 | .... | .... |
| ‖Falls City | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..... | 8 | .... | .... |
| Synodical | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | .... | .. | .. | .. | 8 | .. | ..... | .... | .... | .... |
| Totals | .... | .... | ..... | ..... | 362 | 304 | 14 | 44 | 23 | .. | .. | ..... | .... | .... | .... |

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT—1914-1915—(Continued.)

| Women's Societies | Organized | Quarters Reported | Presidents | Corresponding Secretaries | Total, not including Life, Home & Mem. Dep. | Active | Honorary | Cradle Roll | Home Dept. | Life | Memorial | Time of Meeting | Lutheran Women's Work | Lutheran Boys and Girls | Value of Boxes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Young People's Societies** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beatrice | 1910 | 2 | Effie Smith | Miss Mathilda Bossarth | 29 | 26 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4th Sun. ev. | .. | .. | .... |
| North Platte | 1911 | 1234 | Mrs. F. Frederickson | Miss Catherine Bretzer | 8 | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... |
| Omaha Young Ladies | 1911 | 1234 | Lillian Over | Marguerite Childs, 812 So. 25th Ave. | 27 | 25 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4th ..Satur | 1 | .. | 1.25 |
| Omaha P. V.'s | .. | .... | Mrs. Gertrude Lage | Miss Anna Anderson, 3223 Pacific | 25 | 25 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... |
| *Paxton | 1914 | 1 | Grace Pease | Mrs. F. S. Delo | 9 | 13 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 | .. | .... |
| *So. Omaha Young Ladies | 1914 | 1234 | Lenora Martin | Ruth Anderson, R. R. No. 5 | 11 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... |
| *Omaha, Grace | 1915 | 34 | Margaret Hansen | Leona C. Snyder, 1526 S. 25th St. | 15 | 13 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2nd Sunday | 2 | .. | .... |
| *Emerson | 1915 | 4 | .. | Mrs. C. H. Lewis | 12 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4th Sunday | .. | .. | .... |
| *West Point | 1915 | .... | .. | Viola Spillner | 35 | 35 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4th Sunday | .. | .. | .... |
| *Davenport | 1915 | .... | .. | Miss Ethel Bradley | 12 | 10 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... |
| Totals | .... | .... | .. | .. | 193 | 177 | 16 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... |
| **Mission Bands** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Allen | 1914 | 12 4 | Reba Buckley | Mrs. C. E. Warner | 9 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4th Satur | .. | 9 | .... |
| Beatrice Junior | 1910 | 12 4 | .. | Mrs. E. P. Mumford, 100 Market St. | 12 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1st, 3rd Wd. | .. | .. | .... |
| Beatrice Intermediate | 1913 | 4 | Helen Stroh | Clara Kimmerling | 8 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Sunday | .. | .. | .... |
| North Platte | 1910 | 12 4 | Helen Bird | Dorothea Hoga | 29 | 29 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2nd Satur | .. | 30 | .... |
| Rising City | 1912 | 1234 | Lillie Baker | Beulah G. Garman, Millerton | 21 | 21 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1st Sunday | .. | 30 | .... |
| South Omaha | 1910 | 1234 | Mathilda Rahn | Elizabeth Grimm, 803 N. 17th St. | 24 | 23 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1st Sunday | .. | 1 | .... |
| *Paxton | 1914 | 1 4 | Eddie Crook | Harold Herstedt | 10 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2nd Sunday | .. | .. | .... |
| Totals | .... | .... | .. | .. | 113 | 112 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .... |
| Grand Totals | .... | .... | .. | .. | 668 | 593 | 31 | 44 | 23 | 34 | 2 | .. | 280 | 304 | 13.25 |

*Organized during synodical year.
‖Not organized.

Respectfully submitted,
LYDIA A. BENDER, Corresponding Secretary.

## TREASURER'S EXHIBIT OF RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1915.

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| | | General Fund | Synodical Fee Fund | Thank Offering | Christmas Offering | May Memorial | Life Membership | 40th Anniversary Chest | Expense of delegate to Gen'l. convention | Girls' school, India | Girls' school E. V. Day in Africa | Support of Miss Miller | Maternity and Operating Building | Silver Anniversary Fund | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Convention offering at convention, (Allen) by ladies present for Matie Martin | ..... | 3.93 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.93<br>10.00 |
| | **Woman's Societies—** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Allen | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 15.30 |
| 2 | Beatrice | 9.42 | 1.20 | 18.18 | ..... | 1.55 | ..... | 2.67 | .60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33.62 |
| 3 | Bruning | 11.10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11.10 |
| 4 | Dakota City (Emmanuel) | 4.70 | 1.80 | 12.67 | ..... | 65 | ..... | ..... | .27 | .11 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20.20 |
| 5 | Davenport | 6.55 | 30 | 16.85 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23.70 |
| 6 | Hardy | 4.50 | 1.50 | 2.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.50 |
| 7 | Lincoln | 14.75 | ..... | 3.00 | ..... | 3.00 | 10.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30.75 |
| 8 | North Platte | 12.80 | 1.60 | 10.42 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24.82 |
| 9 | Omaha (Kountze Memorial) | 64.20 | 5.40 | 55.11 | ..... | 3.15 | 10.00 | ..... | 2.64 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 | ..... | 140.75 |
| 10 | Omaha (St. Matthews) | 4.65 | 1.00 | 2.88 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8.53 |
| 11 | Ponca | 35.00 | ..... | 5.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 40.50 |
| 12 | Rising City | 39.90 | 4.20 | 54.45 | 3.65 | ..... | ..... | 14.83 | 1.89 | 12.50 | 12.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 143.92 |
| 13 | Roca | 3.50 | 2.50 | 2.00 | ..... | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9.50 |
| 14 | South Omaha | 8.00 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9.30 |
| 15 | Stella | 14.70 | 60 | 22.12 | ..... | 1.10 | ..... | 4.07 | 36 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 42.95 |
| 16 | Tekamah | 8.00 | ..... | 26.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 34.00 |
| 17 | Wayne | 3.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3.60 |
| 18 | West Point | 14.20 | ..... | 17.37 | 1.96 | 1.30 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 34.83 |
| 19 | Wilber | 4.80 | 80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5.60 |
| 20 | Yutan | 3.40 | 50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11.90 |

## TREASURER'S EXHIBIT OF RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1915—(Continued.)

| | | General Fund | Synodical Fee Fund | Thank Offering | Christmas Offering | May Memorial | Life Membership | 40th Anniversary Chest | Expense of delegate to Gen'l. convention | Girls' school, India | Girls' school E. V. Day in Africa | Support of Miss Miller | Maternity and Operating Building | Silver Anniversary Fund | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Young People's Societies** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Beatrice | 2.75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2.75 |
| 2 | Davenport | 6.66 | | | | | | | | 5.00 | 5.00 | | | | 16.66 |
| 3 | Emerson | 1.20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.20 |
| 4 | Omaha, Kountze Mem., Young Ladies' | 8.40 | 60 | 6.51 | | | | | | | | 10.00 | | | 25.51 |
| 5 | Omaha, K. M. Pax Vobiscum | 6.25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6.25 |
| 6 | Omaha, Grace | 65 | 65 | | | | | | | | 7.00 | | | | 8.30 |
| 7 | North Platte | | | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | 15.00 |
| 8 | Paxton | 2.00 | | 5.15 | | | | | | | | | | | 7.15 |
| 9 | South Omaha | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3.00 |
| | **Mission Bands—** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Beatrice | 70 | | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | 1.00 |
| 2 | North Platte | 4.98 | | 6.55 | | | | | | | | | | | 11.53 |
| 3 | Omaha (Kountze Memorial) | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3.00 |
| 4 | Paxton | 72 | | 2.13 | | | | | | | | | | | 2.85 |
| 5 | Rising City | 4.00 | | 5.44 | | | | | | | | | | | 9.44 |
| 6 | South Omaha | 6.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6.00 |
| | **Cradle Roll—** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Beatrice | 94 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 94.00 |
| | **Individuals and C.—** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Mrs. R. R. Weissmiller | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.00 |
| 2 | Randal Brainer | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.00 |
| 3 | Miss Mary Johnson | | | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | 2.00 |
| | Interest | | | | | | | | | | | | | .78 | .78 |
| | | 336.02 | 27.58 | 393.63 | 6.61 | 11.75 | 30.00 | 29.07 | 6.86 | 17.61 | 24.50 | 10.00 | .25 | .78 | 794.86 |

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

### RECAPITULATION.

| | Cash on Hand | Receipts in year | Total | Disbursements | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General Fund | $ 6.00 | $336.02 | $343.44 | $338.15 | $ 5.29 |
| Maternity and Operating Bldg. | .90 | .25 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tablet in India | .25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Synodical Fee Fund | 34.34 | 27.58 | 61.92 | 25.60 | 36.32 |
| Thank Offering | 1.78 | 293.63 | 295.41 | 295.00 | .41 |
| Christmas Offering | .76 | 6.61 | 7.37 | 7.00 | .37 |
| May Memorial | ..... | 11.75 | 11.75 | 11.00 | .75 |
| Girls' School in India and support beds in India Hospital | .39 | 17.61 | 18.00 | 18.00 | ..... |
| E. V. Day Girls' School in Africa | .85 | 24.50 | 25.35 | 25.00 | .35 |
| Life Membership | ..... | 30.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | ..... |
| Support Louise Miller | ..... | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | ..... |
| 40th Anniversary Chest 202 | 2.02 | 29.07 | 31.09 | 31.00 | .09 |
| Expenses of Synodical Delegates to General Convention 616 | ..... | 6.86 | 13.02 | 7.80 | 5.22 |
| Silver Anniversary Fund | 19.22 | .78 | 20.00 | ..... | 20.00 |
| | $72.69 | $794.66 | $867.35 | $798.55 | $68.80 |

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| Cash on hand October 1, 1914 | $ 72.69 |
| Receipts for year | 794.66 |
| Total | 867.35 |
| Disbursements | 798.55 |
| Balance on hand October 1, 1915 | $ 68.80 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

| | | | Synodical Fee Fund | From Funds and to Objects Given |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1914 | | | | |
| Oct. | 9 | Miss Matie Martin | $11.00 | ..... |
| Oct. | 9 | Miss Maude Martin | 3.00 | ..... |
| Oct. | 9 | Miss Lydia Bender | 2.50 | ..... |
| Oct. | 9 | Mrs. S. H. Yerian | 1.10 | ..... |
| Oct. | 22 | Mrs. M. A. Mostert | 1.00 | ..... |
| Oct. | 9 | Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger | 7.00 | ..... |
| Dec. | 28 | Miss Miller General Treasurer | ..... | 350.15 |
| 1915 | | | | |
| Jan. | 5 | Miss Miller General Treasurer | ..... | 42.00 |
| Mar. | 26 | Miss Miller General Treasurer | ..... | 112.80 |
| Jun. | 26 | Miss Miller General Treasurer | ..... | 100.00 |
| Sep. | 27 | Miss Miller General Treasurer | ..... | 168.00 |
| | | | $25.60 | $772.95 |
| Total | | | | $798.55 |

## TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

| | General Fund | Synodical Fee | Life Member | Girls' School n India | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allen, Woman's | $ .... | $1.00 | $ .... | $ .... | $ 1.00 |
| Ponca, Woman's | 10.00 | .... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Woman's | ..... | .... | 10.00 | ..... | 10.00 |
| Omaha, Kountze Mem. Y. People's P. V. | ..... | .... | ..... | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Miss Mary Johnson, 1 share | ..... | .... | ..... | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| | | | | | $51.00 |

ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER.
Synodical Treasurer.

The living demonstrations of our text-books, "The Child in the Midst" and "Red Man's Land," were very instructive and pleasing. The magazine tree was beautiful. Its luscious fruit is enjoyed the whole year round.

From the reports sent us we summarize the following:

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| New members added during the year | 73 |
| Increase in old societies | 43 |
| Total gain | 116 |
| Lost by removal | 13 |
| Net gain | 103 |

Names of life members for the year: Mrs. O. D. Baltzly of Omaha, at General Convention; Miss Matie Martin of Roca, at Allen Convention last year.

Honorary members, two, Lincoln, names not reported.

Died during year: Honorary member, Dr. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln; two at Ponca, (names not given); one at Stella, (name not given.)

In the death of Dr. Ludden, the church has lost a great heart, and a great light. He was always a friend of the missionary society. It seems they will feel his loss as keenly as any one department of the great church he loved so well and labored so faithfully to uphold.

Systematic giving was practiced in twelve societies.

The twilight hour is observed by one society.

All but two societies observe the May Memorial.

Of the fifteen societies reporting, all but three use the United Society text books.

A growing interest in Missions has been manifested in all young peoples' societies.

Two societies have mission libraries and several have mission charts and maps in use in the Sunday School.

We note with special pleasure the varied activities and good results of just one society: They are educating a girl in India; bought a new Bible for Sunday School, ($4.75); filled baskets for the poor at Christmas; sent flowers to the sick; paid towards the thank offering fund; paid some janitor service; filled stockings for an orphanage; gave a rose luncheon; made kimonas for box-work. Cannot we find among the things mentioned some outlet for our activities; and does it not spur us on to greater efforts?

The historian's collection has been increased by the following additions: Woman's Work, Vol. 8; tracts for the year; Annual Report of Guntur Missions, '13, '14; Minutes of the 34th annual convention held at Allen, 1914; program of the general convention, Omaha, May, 1915; program synodical convention, Allen.

I would suggest that the life membership list as corrected and read in your hearing be printed in this year's report.

The new societies organized this year are as follows: A Mission Band at Homer, with ten charter members, increased to 24, also one at Paxton.

Young People's societies: St. Luke's, Omaha, Dec., 1914; Emerson, May, 1915; Grace Church, Omaha, May, 1915; Grace Church, West Point, September, 1915; Davenport, September, 1915; Paxton.

The banner for 100 per cent increase was won by the young ladies' society of Kountze Memorial church, Omaha.

New Woman's societies; Tekamah, reorganized, April, 1915; Wayne, May, 1915, twelve members; Hooper, July, 1915, six members; Bruning, September, 1915, ten members; Benson, September, 1915, ten members.

In conclusion let me strike again the keynote of faithfulness by reminding you of the latter part of a verse—Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

## Report of the committee on literature read and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Your chairman of the Literature Committee would report that the tracts have been sent to the societies each month. Literature has also been sent to the societies not subscribing for the same and to the congregations having no missionary society, for the purpose of increasing interest in the work.

Following is the financial statement:

**Receipts.**

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| Balance on hand | $ 1.29 |
| Convention sales | 11.49 |
| Dakota, tracts | .50 |
| Lincoln, two books | .82 |
| Roca, tracts | .50 |
| Lincoln, tracts | .50 |
| Kountze Memorial | .50 |
| Yutan | .50 |
| Rising City | .50 |
| Balance due committee | .86 |
| | $17.46 |

**Disbursements.**

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| Literature sold | $10.11 |
| Expressage | .35 |
| Postage | 1.80 |
| Two books | .82 |
| Literature | .65 |
| Postals | .15 |
| Literature | .70 |
| Literature | 2.83 |
| Money order | .05 |
| | $17.46 |

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE C. MARTIN,

Chairman.

The report of the Box Work committee was read and referred to the proper committee.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK.

We wish to make the following statement of the box packed at Allen last October. The cash, amounting to $40.50, including the hand bag, sent to Rev. Lentz, Diller, was duly received.

The box for Rev. Gersib, Riverdale, was packed after the close of the convention, by Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Heckt of Allen. One dollar was kept from the fund contributed to defray expenses.

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| Balance from last year | $.10 |
| For registering package | .15 |
| Freight and drayage on box | .35 |
| Postage | .02 |
| Total | .62 |
| Balance on hand | .38 |

For this year's box work we wrote Mrs. Reeves and received a letter in August saying she had not received the list from the Board. After waiting until time to send out blanks for the last quarter reports, and having no more work from Mrs. Reeves, we decided, after conferring with the president, Mrs. Yerian, to omit the box packing at this convention, and turn our efforts to the Fortieth Anniversary chest fund.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA A. BENDER,

Chairman.

The report of the Thank Offering secretary was read and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF THANK-OFFERING SECRETARY.

Not being the regularly appointed thank-offering secretary, and having come into the work late, I have very little to report this year. At present I am engaged in writing letters and sending out literature to the different auxiliary societies in preparation for the coming thank-offering meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. C. MAXWELL.

The report of the secretary of the Home Department was read and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF HOME DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

Your secretary has given this work the attention her limited time this year permitted. We are glad to welcome Lincoln among those who report home department members and hope their numbers may increase. We have one pastors wife that whereever she goes she finds home department work to report; we wish we had more like her. I believe there is work of this kind done in most every church, were they only willing to have it known.

May God give you a good leader in this work and prosper it abundantly in the future. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. FREDERICKSON.

The report of the Young Peoples' secretary was read and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLES' SECRETARY.

Have written forty letters with return postage and five without enclosures. We rejoice in the organization of five new societies—Grace, Omaha; South Omaha; Emerson; Davenport and West Point; and we gladly welcome them to our ranks.

The Master has been very gracious to our department this year. Since General Convention we have increased the membership from 121 to 196. May the good work continue, is our prayer.

Please remember the "front rank society" requirements. Kountze Memorial young ladies and Davenport Circle are doing good work and we hope you are aiming for this distinction. Your

secretary wishes to express her appreciation for the encouraging letters received and the kindly assistance of the ladies in making our new societies possible. Also to thank our splendid president for her untiring efforts and co-operation in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY JOHNSON.

The report of the Mission Band secretary was read by Miss Rensch and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF MISSION BAND SECRETARY.

As Mission Band secretary, I have written letters of encouragement to all the different Mission Bands. I have also written to eight different congregations urging organization.

There are at present eight Bands with a total membership of 159. Seventy-four copies of the Lutheran Boys and Girls are taken. We have only one new organization to report, which is at Homer and was organized July 10th, 1915, with ten charter members, which has increased to 26.

There is one Cradle Roll, at Beatrice with 46 enrolled. During the year, six of its members were promoted to the Mission Band.

The question of leadership is yet one of our greatest problems in the advancement of this important foundational work. Is there not a woman in each of our auxiliaries who will volunteer at least to try to be a leader during this coming year? The children are so willing and their early training in missionary work so important. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. O. WILSON.

The report of the South Platte conference committee was read and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The chairman of South Platte conference has written to the pastors and their wives regarding the organization of societies in their congregations and another has hopes of organizing in the near future. We rejoice to welcome the new Woman's Society at Bruning. Respectfully submitted,

MISS MAUDE C. MARTIN.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Badger.

## SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, October 6, 2 p. m.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Neiswanger.

Roll call. Minutes of Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning read and approved.

The report of the Magazine secretary was read and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF MAGAZINE SECRETARY.

During the past year I have written forty-five letters and twenty postal cards. I am glad to report a substantial increase in the number of subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work. The magazine is coming into 302 Nebraska homes. Am also glad to report that our societies were prompt in reporting renewals, and new subscriptions. This is the reason that I have the pleasure of reporting that we have reached our 300 mark. It also gives me pleasure to report that our new societies are now taking twenty-three copies. We welcome our sisters in the work of the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. L. MELICK.

The report of the North Platte Conference committee was read and referred to the proper committee.

### REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

On Nov. 8, 1914, St. Luke's, Omaha, Rev. S. H. Yerian, pastor, organized a young woman's missionary society with eight charter members, now eleven. In April, 1915, Tekamah reorganized a woman's missionary society with eight members, Rev. J. R. Enger, pastor.

April, 1915, Emerson organized a young peoples' missionary society with twelve members. Rev. C. H. Lewis, pastor.

Rev. Floyd Blessing, of Wayne, organized a woman's missionary society in May, 1915, with twelve members, now fourteen.

May 9, 1915, Grace Lutheran, Omaha, Rev. C. N. Swihart, pastor, reorganized their mission study class into a young peoples' society, with nine charter members; they now have thirteen active and three honorary members.

In July, 1915, Hooper, no pastor, organized a woman's society, with five members, now six.

July 10, 1915, Homer, Rev. A. H. Trygstad, pastor, organized a Mission Band, with ten members, now twenty-six.

September 3, 1915, West Point, Rev. L. J. Powell, pastor, organized a young peoples' society, with thirty-five members, now thirty-seven.

Benson, Rev. C. W. Nelson, pastor, organized a woman's society, September 15, 1915, with ten active members.

We had hoped to report two more new societies but must now wait till next year. Your North Platte conference committee would urge the attendance at conference, of workers in the vicinity, in which conference is held.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.

The report of the delegate to the General Convention was read and referred to the proper committee.

## REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

The nineteenth biennial convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the General Synod was held in Omaha, Nebraska, May 8, to 13, 1915.

From our arrival in the city of Omaha on Saturday morning, May 8, to our departure Friday, May 14, the delegates to the great convention felt their welcome evidenced on all sides. The Commercial Club of the city vied with the Lutheran churches to express this welcome. This municipal organization presented the convention with badges and pins, the latter being golden keys formed by the word, "Omaha," thus putting in the hands of the convention at once the key to the city.

The large electrical sign on the most prominent street bearing the words, "Welcome, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod," was erected by the Commercial Club and was an object of admiration and appreciation by all.

The members of Kountze Memorial church, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., pastor, where all the business sessions and the opening and closing services were held, and the Holy Communion administered, were most gracious in their expressions of welcome. In this hospitality the members of the other Lutheran churches of the city joined. Mention should be made of the Sunday School class rooms in Kountze Memorial, transformed into rest rooms, committee rooms, postoffice and information bureau, all for the comfort and convenience of the delegates, of the recognition by the press and the reports of the proceedings of the convention in the local papers, of the splendid music furnished by the choirs of Kountze Memorial, St.

Mark's, St. Luke's and Grace churches; also the delightful automobile ride which all the members of the convention enjoyed. In her address of welcome, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly expressed in words all that these tangible evidences indicated.

The appreciation of all this thoughtful preparation for the convention was voiced by Mrs. W. S. Dysinger, of Wheeling, West Virginia, in her response.

At the evening services Mrs. J. P. Krechting, of Washington, D. C., presided. The president, Mrs. J. F. Hartman, of Philadelphia, then gave her address. Fraternal greetings were extended from the General Synod by the Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., president of the General Synod. Following this was a vesper service by Rev. C. N. Swihart, and several musical numbers.

To this convention came 182 delegates and visitors, representing women of the General Synod Lutheran church from the north, south, east and west. There were four missionaries present, Miss Gertrude Simpson, Africa; Miss Katherine Fahs and Miss Jessie Brewer, of India, and Rev. S. C. Burger, also of India; five officers of the general society, six members of the executive committee and its secretary, two members of the Board of Trustees, three members of the General Literature Committee, four department secretaries, three secretaries of the Home and of the Foreign Box-Work; the assistant editor and the business manager of Lutheran Woman's Work; twenty-two synodical delegates, and many auxiliary delegates. The General Synod was represented by its president, Dr. Yarger, and the Board of Foreign Missions, by Rev. Burger, of Guntur, India.

The devotional services of the convention were conducted by Mrs. C. P. Wiles, of Philadelphia. These services were a fitting preparation each morning and afternoon, for the serious deliberations of the business sessions following. The keynotes to these services were "The Field," "The Message," "The Messenger," "The Great Commission," and "Intercession."

After the convention sermon by Dr. O. D. Baltzly, Sunday morning, communion was administered to the delegates, Dr. Baltzly and Rev. G. H. Hillerman, of San Diego, Calif., having charge of the service. The preparatory service was held the preceding evening.

Sunday evening at the Kountze Memorial church, Mrs. C. E. Gardner, of Springfield, O., addressed the delegates; her text was "She hath done what she could"; and Miss Flora Prince, also of Springfield, spoke on the following, "Be ye steadfast."

The corresponding secretary's report was given by Miss Mary Hay Morris. The report shows that our total membership is 42,658, a gain of 2,222 members in the biennium. Of this increased membership 619 are in the Women's Societies, 673 in the Young Peoples' societies, 930 in the Children's Bands, 66 in

the Cradle Roll, 396 in the Home Department, and 579 Life Members. The Young Peoples' and Children's departments are making the most marked increase.

The report of Mrs. E. D. Miller, general treasurer from April 1 to Nov. 18, 1913, and of Miss Margaret Miller, appointed general treasurer, from Nov. 18, 1913 to March 31, 1915, was given by Miss Margaret Miller. The total contributions for the biennium were $156,536.87, an increase of $10,740.74 over the preceding biennium. It is interesting and gratifying to note that of this fund, $37,274.50 was given as a thank offering. For the work in the foreign field, $69,327.65 was given, of which $61.064 was sent to India, and $8,263 to Africa. For the work in the home land, $37,397.96 was given for Home Missions, and $6,671.25 for Church Extension, making a total for the home field, $44,069.21.

Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, secretary of the Executive Committee reported that all departments are at work with steady and substantial growth; interdenominational co-operation shows a desire for improved methods of mission study; our publications are appreciated and their circulation increasing; annuities as a means for perpetuating life interest in missions are diligently presented; field work was carried on during the first eight months of the biennium, the West Virginia synodical society being organized in September, 1914. Forty home missions have been aided, five becoming self-sustaining, sixteen reduced their appropriation reqquests, and increased aid was granted five others. Twelve missionaries are on the field at work in India, and two are on furlough. Two faithful ones represent our working force on the field in Africa, with one home on furlough. Eight recommendations were presented by the Executive Committee, and all were accepted by the convention. The first four were the most important, first, That the Executive Committee be authorized to place the work of the biennium on the basis or $135,000; second, That the "Fortieth Anniversary Fund" goal, $40,000, be a prominent object in special giving; sixth, That in order to memoralize all departed members through the May Memorial Mission Band, such action be substituted for the action of the 1911 convention, making this fund an individual memorial; seventh, That the following resolution of the 1913 convention, "That we most courteously and respectfully memoralize General Synod to give us co-adminstrative power in the management of the work supported by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, or that the General Synod give the W. H. and F. M. society one-fourth representation on its Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, with power to advise and vote on the work supported by the Society," be rescinded.

Mrs. C. E. Hay, of Baltimore, Maryland, in making the report for the Literature Committee, spoke of the great amount

of work done by this committee and of the fact that the funds have been sufficient to meet the requirements of the growing work.

The Board of Trustees, through its treasurer, Mrs. S. F. Breckenridge, reported funds to the amount of $67,541.71.

The Home Department secretary, Mrs. W. Gardner Thrall, of Freeport, Ill., reported 1,369 members.

Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, of Omaha, reported that though the thank-offering seemed liberal, the general average is only $1.17 per member.

The Young Peoples' secretary, Mrs. R. H. Hay, of Pittsburg, Pa., gave her report, and in connection with the report, a motion prevailed that a Student Branch of the Young Peoples' Department be inaugurated, to be developed by the Young Peoples' secretary.

Annuity Department, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, of Delaware, O., In urging the establishment of the annuity fund, the secretary referred to it as a combination of "blessing and business."

Children's Department, Mrs. J. F. Seebach, Hollidaysburg, Pa., secretary. The convention approved of the introduction of the graded system, suggested by this secretary and referred the furthering of same to the secretaries of the Young Peoples' and the Children's Departments, and the Literature Committee.

Mrs. Frances C. Reeves, Dayton, O., secretary of the Home Box-Work Department, reported $11,795.27 spent on home missionary boxes during the biennium.

Mrs. F. A. Hunsche, Baltimore, Md., secretary of the Foreign Box-Work Department, reported $14,954 spent for that work during the biennium.

The report of the Historian, Mrs. E. B. Scholl, Baltimore, Md., was read by Mrs. F. A. Hunsche, and proved to be a careful historical record.

Mission Study Classes, Mrs. C. P. Wiles, Philadelphia: In presenting this, Mrs. Wiles was ably assisted by Mrs. J. B. Markward, Mrs. P. M. Rossman, Mrs. T. L. Crouse, and two local children. This presentation was in the form of a dialogue, both instructive and interesting.

The report of Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, magazine secretary, was read by Mrs. J. P. Krechting, business manager of Lutheran Woman's Work. The subscription list March 31, 1915, was 15,485; the goal of 20,000 was endorsed, and should be reached soon.

Lutheran Boys and Girls—Rev. C. P. Wiles, D. D., Philadelphia, editor: The plan to change Lutheran Boys and Girls from a semi-monthly to a weekly paper met with unanimous favor.

Reports from interdenominational committees, federations and councils were read.

Letters of greetings from the secretaries of the Board of Home Missions, the W. H. and F. M. conference of the United Synod South, and from the Norwegian Missionary Society were read.

Sister Christine, formerly of the Motherhouse, Baltimore, but for six years past, assistant superintendent of Tabitha Home, Lincoln, brought greetings from the Deaconess Board. Miss Mary Mellander, missionary to Porto Rico for the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Council, brought greetings from that body. Mrs. C. E. Asander, of Sioux Falls, S. D., sister of Dr. Anna Kugler, was introduced to the convention and spoke in behalf of her dear sister in our foreign fields.

The "Tree of Gifts" was an unusual feature of the convention. Under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Krechting the synodical delegates placed their chosen fruit on a tree, erected for the purpose, the number of each kind of fruit indicating in one hundreds, the number of new subscribers to Lutheran Woman's Work obtained in the last year.

Chicago in the home land, and Africa in the foreign field seemed to be the most popular in the minds of the convention for prompt and advance work. There is now in the treasury a fund of $10,500 for Africa, to be used there as soon as possible. A motion prevailed that all money for the Fortieth Anniversary Fund be sent to the general treasurer and appropriated to our ever expanding work as needed.

The president appointed Mrs. D. A. Davey, of Chicago, delegate to the Woman's Missionary conference of the General Council, and Mrs. Arthur H. Smith, Ashland, Ohio, delegates to General Synod.

A touching memorial service in the memory of our departed was held Wednesday afternoon, May 12th. Mrs. H. L. Yarger paid tribute to the departed from the ranks. A beautiful solo by Mrs. A. E. Renn. Miss Margery Lilly paid tribute to Mrs. F. C. Karper. Miss Mary Hay Morris to Mrs. P. A. Heilman; Miss Laura Wade Rice to Mrs. E. D. Miller, and Miss Gertrude Simpson to Miss Jestia Moses. At the close of the service it was learned that Miss Moses in her will made before she went to Africa, made a bequest of $100 to the E. V. Day school, in whose service she gave up her life.

Nebraska was well represented at this convention and the greatest honor in the power of the convention to give, was bestowed upon one of our most capable workers, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, who was chosen president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod.

In conclusion I wish to tell you what a pleasure and blessing it was to attend this convention, and I thank you for your kindness in sending me as your delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. HECKT.

A preview of "Home Missions in Action" was given by Mrs. McMullen of Stella.

Vocal Solo—Miss Irene Fleck, of Lincoln.

Mrs. Claflin, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Nebraska, extended greetings and earnestly appealed to the convention to aid their great cause.

Reading, "Who Will Open the Door for Ling Te?" Miss Wilhelmina Rensch, Omaha.

A preview of "The King's Highway," was read by Mrs. J. H. Richard, of Hardy.

Motion carried that we memorialize the Synod of Nebraska to change the time of meeting of Synod on account of the Aksarben in Omaha, which keeps many away from the convention, because of guests which they must entertain.

The president appointed Mrs. Bollinger and Miss Humpe to take greetings to the Congregational and Methodist missionary conventions respectively, which are now in session here.

An offering of $4.77 was received.

The report of the Annuity secretary was read and referred to the proper committee.

## REPORT OF ANNUITY SECRETARY.

During the past year, your secretary has written a number of letters and enclosed copies of the Annuity Bond, in the hope of gaining some interest from some one who might have a sum, large or small, to invest. We all recognize the splendid opportunity offered, for a certain investment with an insured income every six months, and if the matter is presented to the right person, at the right time, we feel sure that our reason would advise us that there is no business investment which is safer than that of an Annuity Bond.

It has been suggested by the General Secretary, that a resolution be adopted at this meeting, providing for some one in each auxiliary society who will represent the work of the Annuity Plan, who will have direct co-operation of the state secretary, and will be able to offer to her suggestions and names of those whom, from time to time, she might correspond with, in order to secure these investments. I therefore recommend that such a motion be passed in this session, and that the names of the Annuity Secretaries of each auxiliary society be sent at once, upon their appointment, to the State Secretary. Respectfully,

MRS. R. M. BADGER,

Secretary.

Adjourned for the Quiet Hour led by Mrs. Bollinger, of Davenport.

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## THIRD SESSION.

October 7, 9 a. m.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Lewis, of Emerson.

Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

The president changed appointments as follows: Mrs. Bollman and Mrs. Richard to take greetings to the Methodist convention and Mrs. Bollinger and Miss Humpe to take greetings to the Congregational convention.

Letter from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle read. Moved that the plan for Field Work recommended in Mrs. Beegle's letter be adopted. The plan is to district the General Synod and create a fund for this work. It follows:

### I. Districts.

An Eastern District to comprise the New York, East Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Central Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, Alleghany, Pittsburgh, Maryland and West Virginia Synods.

A Central District to comprise the East Ohio, Wittenberg, Miami, Northern Indiana, Olive Branch, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois and Southern Illinois Synods, also the pastorates of the Wartburg Synod within the district.

A Westren District to comprise the Iowa; Nebraska, English; Nebraska, German; Kansas; Rocky Mountain and California Synods, also the pastorates of the Wartburg Synod within the district.

### II. Fund for Field Work.

That, as heretofore, Synodical Societies co-operate in meeting the expenses of field work; but that, instead of contributing thereto through offerings made at meetings for organization or at public meetings in the interests of existing societies, each Woman's and each Young People's society contributes, annually, five cents per member, towards a field work fund. Then, all offerings made at meetings for organization or at meetings in the interests of existing societies would benefit the local societies.

Motion carried.

Letter of greeting from Miss Margaret Miller, general treasurer, read.

Loving words of greeting sent from Mrs. Stafford, of Seattle.

Motion carried that convention convey our greetings to Mrs. Stafford.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your auditing committee has carefully examined the books and vouchers of the treasurer, and find them to be correct. We commend the treasurer for the neat way in which her books are kept. October 7, 1915, balance on hand, $119.80.

MRS. VAN FLEET.
MISS BENDER.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your committee has carefully examined the report of the corresponding secretary. We heartily commend her for her untiring energy and faithful work.

We would suggest that the corresponding secretaries of the auxiliaries be more definite in their reports and prompt in sending them in. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. E. BOLLINGER.
MRS. L. J. POWELL.

Adopted.

Motion carried that a definite time be set for closing the books and the books closed then.

Above motion amended to read that the books close the thirtieth of the last month in each quarter.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Your committee realizing the difficulty experienced by the historian in securing accurate data from the auxiliaries, would recommend,

1. That a historian be appointed in each auxiliary, whose name shall be given to the synodical historian.

2. That the corrected list of life members be printed in this year's minutes for the future guidance of auxiliary officers in making annual reports. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LEWIS,
MRS. STROH.

Adopted.

Motion carried that in addition to the list of life members the honorary memorial members of the society be printed in the minutes.

### LIFE, HONORARY LIFE, AND MEMORIAL MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

1888—Mrs. Kimmel, Omaha.
1889—Mrs. Detweiler, Omaha.
1902—Mrs. Haase, Dakota City.
1903—Miss E. Haase, Synod at Yutan.
1903—Mrs. Sprick.
1903—Mrs. Ernst, Lincoln.
1903—Mrs. Reigel, Omaha.
1905—Mrs. J. B. Bruner, Omaha.
1905—Miss Bruner, Omaha.
1905—Mrs. Schmid, Dakota City.

1905—Mrs. Perry Walker, Odell.
1907—Mrs. Aughey, Omaha.
1910—Mrs. Kuehn, Omaha.
1910—Opal, Pearl and Ruby Wolfe, Davenport.
1912—Mrs. Saylor, Rising.
1912—Margaret Frederickson, North Platte.
1912—Miss Anna Sanford, (India).
1910—Luther Heller, West Point.
1910—Mrs. Hummon, Omaha.
1910—Ulric Harmon Wolfe, North Platte.
1910—Paul White, York.
1910—Mrs. Martha Johnson, Nebraska City.
1912—Mrs. Susan Harden, Beatrice.
1912—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice.
1912—Mrs. Livers.
1913—Mrs. Berg, Benedict.
1913—Miss Bender, Yutan.
1913—Ed Hummon, Omaha.
Mrs. Yost, Dakota.
Mrs. Badger, Beatrice.
1914—Mrs. Thompson, Stella.
1915—Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, Omaha.
1914—Louise Elizabeth Neiswanger, Dakota City.
1914—Miss Matie Martin, Allen.
1915—Mrs. Allen Koch, Omaha.

### MEMORIAL MEMBERS

1905—Mrs. Fair.
1912—Mrs. Lowe.
1912—Mrs. Pelle.

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. Harman, Rev. Cresler, Dr. E. A. Van Fleet, Rev. Powell and Mr. Haase.

Mrs. Kirshstein extended greetings from the Christian church of Lincoln.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In reviewing the report of the president, we realize the greatness of the organization of which we are a part. We note with pleasure the addition of eleven new societies.

We would emphasize the importance of organizing and training the children in missionary activity, and call your attention to the recommendation, "A Cradle Roll in every Mission Band, and every baby in the Cradle Roll."

We recommend that the six goals adopted by the general convention be adopted by our synodical convention.

We recommend that the adoption of the recommendation that wherever possible, societies inaugurate a life membership fund.

We would emphasize her closing words: "Let us work as though everything depended on us, and let us pray as though everything depended on God." Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE MARTIN,
MRS. H. C. HECKT.

Adopted seriatim.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, Omaha. On motion the rules were suspended, and a unanimous ballot cast for the following officers: Vice-president, Miss Matie Martin, Roca; recording secretary, Mrs. R. R. Weissmiller, Bruning; corresponding secretary, Miss Lydia Bender, Yutan; treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City; historian, Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice.

Rev. G. C. Leonard, returned missionary from Africa, spoke of African customs and sang hymns for us in the native language.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Groh.

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## FOURTH SESSION.

October 7, 2 p. m.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Duncan of Davenport. This was a prayer service for missionaries.

Twenty-six auxiliary societies responded with two-minute reports on their successes and needs.

Letter from Miss Matie Martin read and a postal from Mrs. Beegle.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

We commend our General Treasurer, Miss Miller on her first report.

With pleasure we heard the message from Mrs. Ludden and in convention assembled. we humbly pray God to richly bless and keep our dear sister who labored so many years among us.

We appreciate the telegram sent to us by our national president, Mrs. Baltzly and the plan of the devotional service Wednesday, sent by Miss Matie Martin.

The suggestions made by Mrs. Beegle and the action taken for the establishment of a fund for field secretaries, we commend.

Other communications have been received as follows: Views of next year's study books. A card from Mrs. Beegle announcing that from January 1, 1916, Lutheran Boys and Girls will be published weekly at a slight advance in price. She urges all churches to subscribe.

A letter of greeting to the convention from Miss Matie Martin.

Greetings from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Northern Illinois Synod.

A splendid paper on Thank Offering by our secretary, Mrs. Maxwell. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. H. RICHARD.
MRS. WARNER.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAST YEAR'S MINUTES.

We wish to rectify the following mistakes found in last year's minutes: On page 74 in the report of the Thank Offering secretary the Humboldt society should be Stella society. This mistake possibly comes from the secretary. Miss Montgomery's address being Humboldt.

In report of the box packing committee in the list of donations and cash for box, the cash donation, $5, given by Stella society, and the articles donated for box by the Davenport society, value, $4.20, were omitted.

With these items we had a total in cash of $43.50, and articles valued at $55.32. Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA A. BENDER,
WILHELMINA RENSCH.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

We recommend that the convention allow the following claims:

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| Mrs. Yerian, programs | $ 5.00 |
| Letter heads | 6.00 |
| Envelopes | 6.00 |
| Postage | 3.90 |
| Mrs. Neiswanger, receipt cards | 3.00 |
| Postage and salary | 7.85 |
| Mrs. Mostert, postage | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Melick, postage | 1.25 |
| Miss Lydia Bender, postage | 2.68 |
| Mrs. Weissmiller, railroad fare | 5.50 |
| Postage and ribbon | 1.40 |
| Total | $43.58 |

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ALLEN KOCH,
MRS. A. D. DUNCAN.

The report was adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK REPORT.

We note the box sent Rev. Gersib and money sent Rev. Lentz, at our Allen convention. We rejoice in the prosperity of our home mission fields and urge that our efforts along the box work be diverted to the Fortieth Anniversary chest fund this year.

We recommend the adoption of the suggestion of our Box Work Secretary, regarding the Fortieth Anniversary Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY JOHNSON.

It was adopted.

The above report was amended to include the following recommendation:

We recommend that we memorialize the General Society to add to its list for box work gifts, the Orphanages of our General Society.

Amendment adopted.

## REPORT ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEES' REPORT

We desire to submit these reports for your adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. CURRY,
MRS. WARNER.

The report was adopted.

Motion carried to extend the convention through Friday morning. Paper on Thank Offering read by Mrs. Maxwell.

During the Children's Hour which followed a Cradle Roll demonstration was conducted by Mrs. Mostert.

The children of Tabitha Home entertained the Synod and our convention with an unusually splendid program of recitations and music, after which the convention adjourned.

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## FIFTH SESSION.

October 8, 9 a. m.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Yerian.

Motion carried that the president appoint a Mission Study Secretary.

The president then appointed the standing committees and secretaries, the same found in the directory of these minutes.

Paper on Fortieth Anniversary Chest by Miss Matie Martin, read by Mrs. Heckt.

Motion carried that our president convey greetings to the synod now in session.

Young Peoples' Hour, conducted by Miss Johnson.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

The report of our delegate was read with much pleasure. You no doubt have read the fine report in our Lutheran Woman's Work. Yet this does not bring to us with the same enthusiasm, the work of the convention as does her report. We thank her for her efforts in giving to us such a complete report. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. L. MELICK,
MRS. FREDERICK.

Adopted.

Motion carried that treasurers books be audited before the convention opens each year.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We commend the efficient work of our literature committee and rejoice in the increase of interest in this department. We urge your co-operation and assistance in seeing that the literature sent your congregaton is put to the best possible use.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY JOHNSON,
MRS. PETERS.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

With thankful hearts we wish to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his care, blessing and guidance. Giving Him the praise for the advancement we have made the past year.

Therefore, be it resolved,

1. That we go forward in the name of the Lord with continued zeal and courage for another year.

2. That we heartily commend the work of our faithful president, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, and of the other officers and secretaries.

3. That we regret the absence of our vice-president, Miss Matie Martin and wish to express our appreciation of the devotional service prepared by her and given by her sister—and also of our dear Mrs. L. P. Ludden, whose efficient and pleasing personality we greatly miss, especially when here in Lincoln—the secretary to convey the same.

4. That we recognize the great loss to the Woman's missionary work, especially to our Nebraska Synodical society, in the going home of Dr. Ludden. In order to fittingly pay a tribute to his memory in appreciation of his helpful friendship to our cause; we recommend that a committee be appointed to purchase and place flowers upon his resting place.

5. That we rejoice in the organization of eleven new societies—and increase in membership.

6. That we express our appreciation of the presence of Dr. J. A. Lowe, who brought fraternal greetings from the Ne-

braska Synod; of Missionary Leonard, of Africa; of Dr. H. L. Yarger, who brought us greetings from the Board of Church Extension; of the delegates from the convention of our sister denominations in session in the city—Mrs. Claflin, president of the Nebraska Temperance Union, Mrs. Kirschstein of the Christian church, and Mrs. Rouse of the Congregational missionary society.

7. That we rejoice in being remembered by greetings from our General President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly; Mrs. H. C. Beegle, secretary of the General Executive Committee; Miss Margaret Miller, General Treasurer; Miss Matie Martin, Mrs. L. P. Ludden and Mrs. Stafford.

8. That we thank those who gave the excellent previews of the textbooks for this year's study and hope auxiliary will use and enjoy the books this year.

9. That we express our appreciation of the well rendered exercises by the children of Tabitha Home.

10. That we express our sincere gratitude to the pastor, Rev. R. M. Badger, his wife, and the members of this church, who have so delightfully entertained us.

11. That we thank all who helped to make our convention a success by doing their part of the program.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. D. M.) ELIZABETH H. NEISWANGER.
MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

The report was adopted seriatim.

The President appointed a committee consisting of Miss Bender, Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. Van Fleet to place flowers on the grave of Dr. Ludden.

Motion passed that the resolutions be given to the secretary of Synod to be read with their resolutions.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES' REPORT.

From the reports of the department secretaries we are persuaded that the Lord's work is marching on. We heartily

commend the secretaries for their faithful and efficient work and recommend that their reports be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FREDERICKSON.
MRS. DEAN.

It was adopted.

A short memorial service was held in tribute to our departed.

In a brief address, Mrs. Yerian urged faithfullness in sending in reports and asked the conference superintendents to carefully prepare the programs for these meetings. She also requested that we remember the new societies with occasional letters.

Roll call. Minutes of Thursday afternoon and Friday morning read and adopted.

After a short closing service the president declared the thirty-fifth convention adjourned with the benediction.

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